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SPORTS

Top two sprinters finish 1st, 2nd in 2009 ARCM



The top two teams during last week's AuSable River Canoe Marathon Time Trials – a two-day event held on Thursday and Friday to determine starting positions for the race start's run to the river on Saturday night – also finished first and second in this year's marathon.

Time Trials – an event in which marathon teams paddle a looped course at Penrod's – usually provide a good indication of which teams will finish near the top during the AuSable Marathon. This year, six of the top seven teams at Time Trials also finished in the top seven on Sunday in the 2009 AuSable Marathon; however, there were also a few top 15 teams in the marathon that exceeded their sprint position. **14A**

277 cyclists ride from Grayling to Oscoda during Black Bear

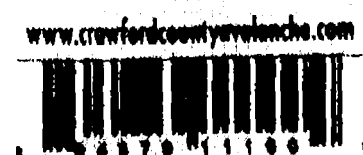


Threatening stormy weather did not dampen the spirits or record number of participants for the 2009 Black Bear Bicycle Tour, which started in Grayling on Sunday morning. Before the day was over, 277 riders were treated to a windy, wild and wet struggle to keep up with the paddlers of the AuSable Canoe Marathon. By the time the first cyclists arrived in Oscoda, as the sun broke through, the canoes raised their record to six of the last eight years of coming in first. **15A**

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Voters to decide senior center options

Tuesday's election offers choice between fish hatchery renovations, new facility

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After nearly two years of planning and studying options for the Grayling Senior Center, voters will go to the polls on Tuesday to decide two propositions.

Crawford County voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, Aug. 4 to decide two funding propositions for the potential senior center's loca-

tion. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the township offices and at Grayling City Hall.

Proposition One asks voters to decide if Crawford County officials should issue \$1.5 million in general obligation bonds which would be used to build additions and make renovations to the former Grayling Fish Hatchery Building. The bonds issued would be paid off over 15

years out of Crawford County's general fund budget and would not result in a tax increase to taxpayers.

Proposition Two asks voters to decide if Crawford County officials should borrow up to \$2 million in general obligation tax bonds to build, equip and furnish a new senior center and Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) offices on property located at 4895

West North Down River Road. The property is located across from the Grayling Fish Hatchery on the East Branch of the AuSable River. If approved, the additional .27 mills equals 27 cents on every \$1,000 of real and tangible property in the county that would be placed on tax bills of home owners and business owners for the next 20 years.

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90 START, 75 FINISH



Triebold, Lajoie repeat as champions

A record field – 90 canoes – started this year's Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, a 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda held this past weekend, and 75 of them reached the finish line. Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie, a team that won last year's AuSable Marathon, repeated as champions in 2009, finishing with a time of 14:17:42. Triebold and Lajoie, a team that also won the marathon in 2004, led at all 15 of the event's timing checkpoints this year. Top left: Matt Ashton, who finished third with Mo Harwood, walks out of the river at Oscoda. Top right: Triebold and Lajoie coast after finishing the race on Sunday. Bottom left: Steve Corlew and Matt Streib, who finished second this year with a final time of 14:29:18, reach Cooke Dam – the 13th timing checkpoint – on Sunday morning. Bottom right: Harwood, who took third with Ashton with a time of 14:35:12, carries the front of their canoe during the Cooke Dam portage on Sunday. For more on the 2009 AuSable Marathon, including a complete list of unofficial results, see Pages 12-13A.

Photos by Caleb Casey



Garbage transformed into energy for annual training

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Army green took on a whole different meaning as the Michigan National Guard's annual training got underway at Camp Grayling last week.

Camp Grayling is serving as a test site for the Mobile Encampment Waste to Electrical Power System (MEWEPS), which converts garbage into electricity used to provide energy for deployed troops.

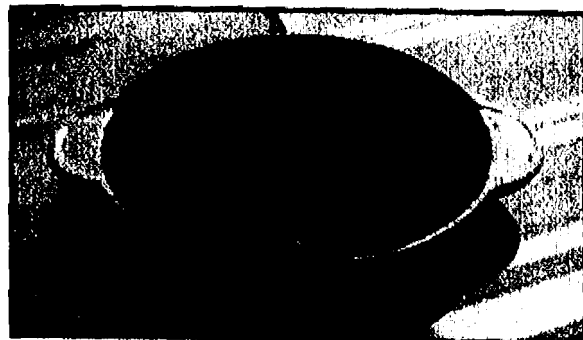
The MEWEPS system was developed by NextEnergy, a Detroit-based non-profit organization affiliated with Wayne State University, and Community Power Corporation of Littleton, Co. The project was developed through a contract with the U.S. Army's Tank, Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) in Warren.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Brig. Gen. Michael C. McDaniel, the state's Homeland Security advisor to Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm, loads a bag of trash into the Mobile Encampment Waste to Electrical Power System (MEWEPS), which converts garbage into electricity used to provide energy for deployed troops. Below, a bowl of pelletized material that is burned in a gas production module capable of producing 60 kilowatts of continuous electrical power through a tactical quiet generator.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

There is one lane open on the Business Loop for southbound traffic from M-72 East to M-72 West. Northbound traffic for this area will continue to be detoured

through Maple Street.

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The Crawford County Avalanche will be providing construction updates on its Web site – www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com – as they become available.

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Rotary Club tantalizes taste buds



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The Grayling Rotary Club served up 500 barbecued chicken dinners next to the American Legion Lounge and Lanes on Saturday. Above left, Terry and Larry Paxton of Roscommon, and John Warns of Temperance, enjoy their meals. Above right, Jim Burtch and Luke Petrosky Sr. man one of grills for the chicken dinner.

Crawford AuSable School District approves online learning options

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State Superintendent for Education Michael Flanagan, however, recently granted seat-time waivers to the Genesee ISD after he heard about the tremendous success of their program at a Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators conference. Flanagan announced that he would grant waivers to

any intermediate school district and their local districts that apply for a waiver for this next year along with Genesee ISD.

The seat time waiver is extraordinary because it immediately allows any school in the state to offer their students online learning classes for any number of courses taken up to a full time high school program.

For the Crawford AuSable School District, that means a student can take up to five course per trimester, said Superintendent Joe Powers.

The seat-time waiver allows schools to waive the specific requirement to be in attendance at the school in a seat and in front of a traditional teacher for up to 10 percent of students in an ISD. Provisions for taking these classes are strict and all must agree to account carefully for their students. The waiver requires two hours per week face-to-face contact with the sponsoring school, work with a mentor teacher, fulfillment of all requirements of approved online courses

taught by highly qualified teachers and attendance on the official count day when the number of students enrolled in the school district is tallied to get per-pupil funding from the state.

The seat-time waiver offers many benefits to students.

For students who want to expand their learning, take higher level courses, or fast forward their education, online classes can allow this to happen. For students who are behind in their pursuit of normal high school graduation, online courses can help them recover the credit they need to graduate. For students who are being educated at home or homebound because of illness, online classes can be a means to obtain a regular high school diploma. For students who want to take classes that are not currently offered by their schools for whatever reason, online learning can provide a wide range of choices.

For schools that are looking for ways to counteract declining enrollment by attracting students not currently enrolled, offering online classes and flexible scheduling might be a viable solution. Currently, students are expected to fulfill the very demanding state high school graduation requirements. Many students who are struggling to keep up or catch up because they are lagging behind, are potentially at risk for graduation. Programs to help these students are hard for schools to develop because of funding problems in regular programs. In addition, pro-

grams offering advanced classes to very bright students are hard to offer because of the same strain on school funding. Low incidence classes are also difficult to offer because of limited enrollment and limited resources. Furthermore, attempts to attract home-schooled and home-bound students have been somewhat unsuccessful because they require flexibility in schedules and programs and extra resources that many schools cannot provide.

Powers has signed a memorandum of understanding for the seat-waiver program and anticipates all school districts served by the COOR ISD will follow suit.

"We're excited to be able to reach out to students that perhaps we have not been able to meet their needs in the traditional school setting," Powers said. "Education is absolutely essential to the future of all students and being able to offer online education is an exciting prospect for our entire county."

COOR ISD Superintendent Bob Jones noted that the COOR ISD serves 3,480 students, so 340 possible students that would be eligible to take online classes up to full time if they desired will meet the state's threshold for the seat-waiver program.

"Many educators believe if we could find a way to help just one more student be successful it would be worth it," Jones said.

Powers said that COOR ISD and Crawford AuSable School District already have the technology capable to offer the online courses. Powers, however, said more dollars would be budgeted for technology if needed.

"If we have to make the investment, we absolutely will," Powers said. "We're always committed to providing the resources to meet our students' needs."

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Parade held between rain showers



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Mother Nature was kind enough to hold rain off for about an hour on Saturday for the AuSable River Festival Parade. Above left, Ann Doty was the grand marshal for the parade. Above right, Crawford County Prosecutor Everette "Trey" Ayers, a member of the AuSable Shriners Club, rides a mini-motorcycle through downtown Grayling. Below left, Grayling City Council Member and Grayling Farm Market Manager Tom Wellman promotes the upcoming Harvest Fest on his Farmall tractor. Below right, Rep. Joel Sheltroun, D-West Branch, performs on his saxophone with Brian Ashton and Friends, which was last band in the parade's lineup.

Schools seek used band instruments

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling School Band program has found itself in a classic good-news-bad-news situation.

The good news is that band class numbers are growing. The bad news is the band program currently does not have enough instruments for all the students to be able to try out for band.

The school district has a limited number of instruments that can be used by beginning band students. These instruments have been donated or purchased throughout the years for the sole purpose of helping students who want to be in band and participate.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to try out different instruments and experience the world of music," said Grayling Booster President Shirley Currison.

The band program currently consists of 150 Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School Students.

Last year, the school district decided to offer band to fifth graders at the Grayling Elementary School for the first time, which has resulted in a huge difference, said Matt Bishop, the Grayling Schools band director.

"This gives our band students one more year of

learning the basics before start competing in seventh grade," Bishop said. "We would love to be able to provide instruments to all students interested in band."

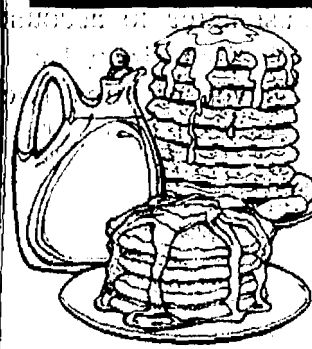
Local citizens are encouraged to look in their attics and storage spaces for instruments that may be dusted off, reconditioned and brought back to life in the hands of begging band students.

The band is willing to accept any new or used instruments to help these students in the music program.

Instruments can be dropped off in any of the school offices or at Bishop's home in Grayling located at 504 Plum Street. Arrangements can also be made to pick up band instruments by calling Bishop at 390-0721 or Currison at 348-1348.

People who don't have band instruments can make monetary donations to the band program to support the students.

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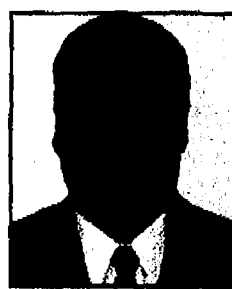


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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Public employee benefits could change

STATE HOUSE Speaker Andy Dillon has turned the public spotlight on a sensitive but growing public dilemma with a proposal to pool insurance benefits for all public employees in the state, "from the local bus driver to the governor" in his words.

That's quite a challenge to develop a single health care program to cover an estimated 400,000 employees who draw paychecks from the state, cities, townships, counties and schools across the state.

Underlying the whole idea is the concept that state and local government employees, including teachers at all levels, now enjoy employee benefits at levels higher than most people who work outside the public sector, and that they cost the taxpayers more than they should, and by putting all public employees in the same pot, good benefits at lower taxpayer costs could be achieved.

Mr. Dillon is a Democrat, whose suburban Wayne County legislative district includes Redford Township and small parts of the cities of Livonia and Dearborn Heights.

Interestingly, a couple of top Republicans around Lansing -

Republican Senate Leader Mike Bishop and outgoing Attorney General Mike Cox, who is running for governor in next year's GOP primary - both heartily endorsed the Dillon plan.

Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm's public attitude so far could be described as somewhere between lukewarm to cool to frigid. As an aside, Andy Dillon, Mike Bishop, Mike Cox and Jennifer Granholm all are term limited next year.

Mr. Cox is openly running for governor. Mr. Bishop is working toward the Republican nomination to succeed Mr. Cox as attorney general. Neither Mr. Dillon nor Ms. Granholm has revealed future political plans.

CHANGING BENEFIT systems won't be easy, but rewards could be substantial.

"With Michigan facing spiraling deficits and massive unemployment, reforming health care for public employees has never been more urgent," said Mr. Dillon in unveiling his plan, which so far is only a series of ideas and background material that have not been

translated into proposed legislation.

"By making the same plans available to everyone - from the local bus driver to the governor - we will save Michigan taxpayers \$900 million a year, preserve health care coverage for our workers, and save jobs."

Legislators and their staffs presumably will be included, too.

The estimate of savings sounds a bit overstated at first glance, and the relationship to job creation is not clear, but a bit of political hyperbole is understandable at this point.

Present benefits for public employees, including teachers, have been hammered out over the years between governmental units and about 2,000 employee bargaining units.

Most employees covered by these contracts probably figure their benefit packages are pretty darn good as they are - although they could be better - and they don't want to give up anything, or pay more for it. They consider benefits part of their pay, which they are.

Many private employers, on the other hand, find it difficult to keep up with overall employee costs required to meet or better public

payroll standards in their communities.

AS THE DILLON plan was announced, organized teachers, headed by the Michigan Education Association, came out opposed, while the Michigan associations of school boards and school administrators are in favor.

The most prevalent reaction elsewhere seems to be "let's take a look" or "wait and see."

For many years, the gold standard for benefits for both employees and retirees has been provided by General Motors, Chrysler and Ford, especially in Michigan.

These are among the gigantic "legacy costs" which helped drive GM and Chrysler into bankruptcy court.

The business of government, at all levels and in most cases, is service, and that means people, and that means payroll, and that means benefits, too.

People costs are at the root of most money problems facing state government, cities, counties, townships, school boards and public universities; there is no letup in sight, only growing severity.

Any hope that people costs can be controlled or even lowered, without destroying service to the public, deserves deep and thorough consideration.

Maybe a "one size fits all" system makes sense for public employment benefits throughout the state and covering all public jurisdictions ... or maybe it will prove impractical.

In either case, Andy Dillon deserves credit for bringing this vital quandary into public prominence, as an example of how politicians can think big thoughts about big problems.

Mr. Dillon, 46, earned degrees in accounting and law from Notre Dame University, and has worked in financial and business development.

And with the Dillon plan to revamp public health benefits for public employees, he may have taken his first tentative step toward a candidacy for governor.

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Letters to the Editor

It's time for Grayling to step up to the plate

To the editor

On Aug. 4, those of us in Crawford County have an opportunity to do something for the community and at the same time, save money. I strongly encourage you to vote yes on Proposition 1.

As a former chairman of the Fish Hatchery Restoration Committee, I can assure you that there is no "white knights" waiting to ride into Grayling and restore the building for us. This is our chance, probably our last best chance, to do something for ourselves. It is a bonus that this is far less expensive than the alternative (Proposition 2).

I am aware that there has

been a lot of misinformation spread about the condition of the hatchery building. The building itself is solid. Engineers have said it is solid, architects have said it is solid, people who know will tell you that it is safe and solid. Anyone who says otherwise is either misinformed or just not being honest.

Ask yourself why so many neighboring towns do well. Look at Leland, Suttons Bay, even Gaylord. They have not only preserved, but cultivated their distinctive heritage, allowing it to grow and find new uses.

If we abandon the hatchery, one of the few things

that distinguishes Grayling from all the other little towns in northern Michigan, why would anyone ever come here? For the great freeway access? Local flavor is why people flock to towns that otherwise would be just like a thousand other small towns.

So this is our chance to finally do something about the hatchery. Ask yourself this: if we won't invest in our own resources when it's the less expensive choice, why would anyone else?

It's time for Grayling to step up to the plate and vote yes on Proposition 1.

Kevin Garrity
Grayling

The center is too small for our seniors

To the editor

Like everyone else our busy lives keep us from doing one of the things I enjoy doing and that's to go to the Commission On Aging and have a meal. I like not to have to cook all the time.

My experience for food and company has been very favorable.

I get there, get my drink, a cup of soup or salad and sit and enjoy talking to people until the hot meal is

ready.

One incident caused me some sadness. A gentleman who is wheelchair bound came into the dining room and got his cup of coffee. In the mean time two ladies had returned from the restroom to take back their seats at a table near the coffee pot. They could not get through as the gentlemen was blocking their way. A few words were said by the ladies (not mean words). I witnessed a man who prob-

ably would have opened doors for ladies in the past and let ladies go before him become humble and embarrassed.

The senior center is too small for our seniors who have to live their lives in a wheelchair. Plus, there isn't room for all the mobile seniors who want to dance/exercise, etc.

Help us seniors - vote August 4.

Catherine Wyatt
Grayling

Writer troubled over additional tax payer paid space

To the editor

I'm troubled by the arrogance of the senior centers demands for additional taxpayer paid space to provide what can only be termed frills for the greedy.

It became obvious early in the discussions for space from the county that the leadership of the senior center would not be satisfied until their numerous demands were met.

I oppose the proposal for two reasons. First, the senior center primarily provides space for those people living in or near the city of Grayling. It does not attempt

to address the needs of seniors living in the outlying townships. It's name, Grayling Senior Center says it all, in that it serves the needs of the residents of the city.

My wife and I, both seniors live 17 miles from Grayling and find it less expensive to utilize Roscommon services and pay non-resident fees to obtain recreation, yet with this county wide proposal we would be forced to pay for the leisure activities of strangers.

Second, when you test the proposal against the logic

whether public funds should provide space for private activities the proposal again fails to convince that line dancing or bingo is a public good.

This weeks letter supporting the proposal because of the tax preparation activities also fails to convince. Tax preparation activities lasts for only several weeks in March and April. I'm sure that other private space could be found if they asked a church or service group for space.

Dave Miller
Roscommon

Ban cheerleading if you are going to ban MMA

To the editor

Dear Board of commissioners, I can't figure out if it's ignorance or some sort of conspiracy to keep people in Grayling from improving life, but whichever it is you are way out of touch with our community.

I wonder if you even did any research about MMA before you decided to turn it down. You didn't even vote on it? Then how did you turn it down? I think you need to research, get opinions and then actually vote.

Lets look at a few statistics. What's more dangerous than MMA? How about cheerleading? Yup. From the fall of 1982 through the spring of 2008 there were 1,116 direct catastrophic injuries in high school and college sports. 65.2 percent of the injuries in high school were cheer related including 103 fatalities.

Where are those spirit fingers now? From 1996 to 2006 there were over 70 deaths from boxing, which

is an olympic sanctioned sport.

In 2005 alone golf, yep I said golf, sent 47,000 americans to the emergency room.

From 2002 to 2007 there is a study on 635 professional MMA matches. 300 out of 1,270 athletes were injured (over half were lacerations) and not a single one was a critical sports related injury.

In fact during my research I could only find one death in regulated MMA fights ever.

So is it really that dangerous of a sport? Not with the discipline these athletes have and the stellar job the refs do stopping the fight before someone gets hurt.

Oh well, who wanted all those athletes, families and trainers renting our hotels, eating at our restaurants and shopping at our stores.

If you want my sources, wish to debate, or get more information feel free to e-mail me at nas_f_19@yahoo.com

Ryan Richardson
Grayling

There is a third option

To the editor

The presentation on the Aug. 4 Senior Center ballot propositions seems to imply that there are only two options. There is a third option as I see it, however, and that is a no vote on both propositions.

Both propositions will require the expenditure of tax money.

One option will be funded by a new tax, the other by existing tax revenue (general fund).

As presented, the latter funding coming from unused funds from a previous bond issue presumably voted for a different purpose (ethical/legal?).

C. David Church, Senior
Roscommon

Out with the old, in with the new

To the editor

Even if the county spends 1.5 million on the renovation of the fish hatchery building, when they are all done it will still be old and will require maintenance for years to come.

A tax increase to cover the cost of a new senior center isn't that much to each property owner. It's 27¢ per \$1,000 and on a

\$100,000 home that's only \$27 per year for 20 years. And when it's all done it will be new and will not require the same maintenance that the old fish hatchery building will need.

Let's give our seniors a new center, one we can all be proud of.

Art Evon
Grayling

Briefs

State retirees to hold meeting

The annual potluck/ picnic of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The chapter will furnish chicken, coffee and iced tea. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Master Gardener, Barb Bishoff, will teach about backyard composting to help create nutrient rich garden soil. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-8519.

COA to hold Sunday Brunch

The Grayling Senior Center will Sunday Brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of each month. This month will be Aug. 2 and 16. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, coffee, juice or milk. The price for those over age 60 is \$2.50 and \$4.75 for those under 60. For more information, call 348-7123.

COA sponsors Senior Project Fresh

The Crawford County Commission on Aging along with the Crawford County MSU Extension are sponsoring the 2009 Senior Project Fresh Farmers Market Nutrition Program with gives \$20 worth of coupons which can be used on fresh Michigan produce. If you are a Crawford County senior and your monthly income is below \$1,669 (\$2,246 for couple) you may qualify for these free coupons. To participate, contact the COA at 348-7123.

Church to host VBS

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church is holding a VBS on Aug. 3, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Camp E.D.G.E. is a highly energetic event for children and tweens ages 4 through 8th grade. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the program will run for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. See the church Web site at www.michelson-memorial.org.

Summer Music Series to be held

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will present its Summer Music Series on July 30 with "Bob Hughes" at 7 p.m. on the lawn at Citizen's Bank. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.

Republican Party to hold meeting

The Republican Party of Crawford County will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Crawford County Courthouse. Plans for the Republican Party Fall Steak Fry scheduled for Sept. 11, will be discussed.

4-H to offer science workshop

The Crawford County 4-H will be offering a Science Engineering and Technology workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Nature Center from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. If you are going into the third, fourth, fifth or sixth grades, you need to pre-register at the MSU Extension office in the basement of the courthouse. The cost is \$5 plus the yearly \$10 participation fee. Call 989 344-3266 for more information.

Increased patrols on the AuSable River

Due to an increase in illegal activities and public complaints, law enforcement patrols by Federal and State agencies along the AuSable River will increase for the next several weeks.

Anyone caught in violation of state law or federal regulation can receive a warning, or a citation, or be arrested. Depending upon the situation, the violator's boat or vehicle may be seized.

The U.S. Forest Service has noticed increased use over the past three years on the AuSable River, a national wild and scenic river. Along with this use the forest has experienced increased incidents of resource damage, littering, various alcohol violations and illegal drug use.

Forest Service Patrol Captain Brandy Hill announced that law enforcement patrols will

increase along the AuSable River for the remainder of the summer season with aggressive enforcement actions taken for those caught violating any state law or federal regulation within the nation forest.

More law enforcement officers will be present in the field, along with continued cooperation with officers from local and state law enforcement and natural resources agencies.

Violations can include: drunk and disorderly conduct, trespass on private property, harassing wildlife, use of fireworks on federal land, littering, underage drinking, illegal drug use or public nudity.

Law enforcement personnel appreciate the public's cooperation in patrol efforts. Citizens may report illegal, dangerous or disorderly behavior by calling 911.

Book sale raises money for library programs



Pictured above is just some of the thousands of books to choose from at this year's Library Book Sale.

Last Saturday, July 25, wrapped up the most successful book sale ever sponsored by the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library.

Starting out with an inventory of over 10,000 books and video tapes, the four day sale generated more than \$2,300 to help bolster the library's extensive summer youth reading programs and programs for literacy for all ages.

The summer reading pro-

grams are presented in libraries throughout the state. These programs are designed to generate enthusiasm in children at an early age and help equip them with the reading skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

One of the Crawford County Library's missions is to promote literacy to all that chose to seek it and the reading programs are one of the major tools available to help accomplish that goal.

Comedians kick off new KCPA season

The Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, located on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon, will open its 2009-10 performing artist series at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, to the laughter of "Saturday Night Stand Up," featuring comedians Dave Coulter and Pete Holmes.

Holmes is a stand-up comedian based in New York City. His unique, "clean" and hilarious act has earned him a spot on Comedy Central's Premium Blend and made him a regular cast member on VH1's "Best Week Ever."

Coulter is also a stand-up comic who segued into voice-overs for various animated series, hosted a weekly comedy show and became a regular as "Joey" on the long-running sitcom "Full House" (1987-95). While starring as one of the surrogate fathers on TV series, Coulter also hosted "America's Funniest People" (1990-94), a series featuring

videos of average Americans doing "funny" or unusual things.

Ticket prices for the Aug. 8 presentation will be \$30 and \$28. Student tickets are half price for sections "C" and "D." Family priced tickets are \$50 (up to five tickets - two adults and up to three kids, or one adult and up to four kids) in sections "C" and "D."

Also, there will be a pre-show picnic at the college's Student Center for \$5 per person starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Children's Learning Center, also located on the Kirtland campus, will be open from 6 p.m. till the end of the show to provide child care services - \$5 for one child or \$15 per family. Free shuttle service from the parking lot to the main lobby doors is also available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit online at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa or call the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777.

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God Damns No One

When people swear by asking God to damn someone they break God's third commandment in Exodus 20:7: "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." We also use God's name in vain when we claim to be Christians and break any of the commandments of God. For example, Exodus 20:15 says: "Thou shalt not steal." As Solomon prayed in Proverbs 30:8,9: "Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."

Salvation if all of God's grace alone, but damnation is all of man's choice. As John 3:16-18 says: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because

he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." One is saved or condemned depending upon their faith in or rejection of Jesus Christ.

When people swear by taking God's name in vain, they also often at the same time tell other people where to go and spend eternity. But Hell was not created for human beings, but for the Devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41). People go to Hell because they choose to obey and follow the Devil and his angels, instead of trusting Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Jesus said in John 12:32,33: "32And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. 33This he said, signifying what death he should die." The gospel of the cross is for every person, in every nation, everywhere on earth. People are drawn to salvation by the preaching of the cross of Jesus Christ and His shed blood for their sins. As Paul said in Galatians 6:14: "14But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." What you do with the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross will determine your eternal destiny. As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 1:23,24: "23But we preach Christ

crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

"9That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." My friend, whosoever means you! You can put your name there and trust Jesus Christ for your eternal salvation. If you die and go to Hell without Jesus Christ, you can only blame yourself. Pastor "B"

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Obituaries

Willow M. Gabriel

Willow M. Gabriel, 69, of Frederic, passed away on July 23, 2009.

She was born in Roscommon, on August 18, 1939, to William and Beatrice (Goudie) Myer.

She married Charles W. Gabriel on February 14, 1958.

She worked over 40 years at AuSable Woodworking in Frederic.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, fishing, picking mushrooms, camping and listening to music.

She is survived by husband Charles, of 51 years; daughters, Kathleen (Eddie) Coe of Grayling, Brenda (Rob) Gabriel of Frederic; sons: Matthew (Patty) Gabriel of Frederic, Brent (Tammy) Gabriel of Frederic; grandchildren: William, Matthew (Jessica), Shawn, Adam, Craig, Amanda (Tyler), Teddy, Brandon (Allison), Steven, and Brent Jr.; great-grandchildren: Brandon, Brooke, Lily, Tyler, Addison, Emma, Logan, Landon, and Noah; brother, Albert (Jeannie) Myer of Roscommon; Sisters: Geraldine Allen of Beaver Creek Township, Nora Buchner of Prudenville and Shirley Nolan of Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Donald Myer; sisters, Betty Conner and Eleanor Mills and her beloved pet "Ricky."

A memorial service was held at Grayling Baptist Church on July 27 with Pastor Jon Scott and Pastor Fred Seidler officiating.

Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.



Wayne M. Hayes

Wayne "Mike" Hayes, 62, loving brother, friend and dearest companion, passed away on July 6, 2009, in Brandon, Fla., after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer, with his family at his bedside.

He was born on February 16, 1947, in Flint to Amos and Zoe (Williams) Hayes.

His greatest joys were his family, close friends and loving a long-time companion, Linda McKenna.

He loved music, especially motown, the AuSable River, wild tiger lily flowers and listening to Tiger ball games on the radio. He loved a good joke and was a terrific storyteller. He was a man of great honor.

He was an honest man and well respected so much that three of his friends named their sons after him.

He was a hard worker, a licensed welder and did construction work.

He was quite a character, but dependable to a fault and a courageous defender

of the underdog.

He is survived by his life companion, Linda McKenna; brother John Hayes (Shirly); sisters, Ann Moss, Mary Marelich (Dennis); nieces and nephews: Amy Bullock (Allen) and son Chase, Shane Hayes (Angie) and daughter, Haylee, Suzette Burr (Dave) and sons, Anthony, Tim and Dave Burr, Richard Moss and sons Christopher and Nicholas, Mary Smith and daughters Katy and Amber, Terra Bryant and children Devin and Mallory.

Survived by best friend Jimmy (J.J.) Jorgenson.

Also survived by Kimberly Lemming (Paul) Amber daughter, grandchildren Dalton and Isabell, Tracey Richey (George) children: Leann and James Jones, Joseph Richey, Kenneth and Rhonda Campbell and beloved pets, Mocha and Muggie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and grandparents, Ma and Pa Kennedy (Ann and Bill).

A memorial service was held at Tampa Hospice Hospital. A memorial service will be held at the AuSable at a later date to be announced.

He is now with his beloved grandmother "Ma." God Bless Him.

Church Directory

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church • Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. • (989) 348-2974
www.michelsonmemorial.org • Barter Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at
Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building
on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West • (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner • (989) 348-5558
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Afternoon Worship 12:45 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: Gary Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
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Pastor: Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North
Minister: Terry Dickinson
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Luzerne Baptist
Pastor: James Durfee • 2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Petric • (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth
Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
(van transportation available)

Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty • North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. • (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.
Parish Office • 707 Spruce
(989) 348-7657
Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend: Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738
reslifeccenter.com • Phone: (989) 348-1000
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm
E-mail: reslifeccfellowship@hotmail.com

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)
(989) 348-5921
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
M-72 West, Grayling • (989) 348-9220
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • (989) 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 8 7:30 am
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Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
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Midweek Bible Study (Wed) 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
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Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Sunday School 9 am
Bible Study (Wed) 6:30 pm
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm

Church Alive Church of God
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(231) 258-3448
Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour & Prayer
(Wednesday) 7 pm

St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WEELS)
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The Roscommon Community Center,
510 South St., Roscommon, MI 48653
Phone number (989) 275-3070
Sunday 9 am

Friendship Church
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Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9 am
Morning Worship 10 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Frederic Worship Center
6464 Old U.S. 27 Frederic
Pastor: Gary Thompson
(989) 422-3464 • (989) 348-5712
Sunday Service 11 am

The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints
President: David Stephenson
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood Noon
Relief Society Noon

Grayling Evangelical Free Church
Pastor: Dave Schultz
6251 W. M-72 Hwy, Grayling, 989-600-1293
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pastordave@graylingfreechurch.org
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Jean C. Fultz

Jean Catherine Fultz, 51, much loved wife, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, auntie, fairy Godmother and captain of our ship, passed away suddenly on July 24, 2009.

He was born in Saginaw, on December 29 1957, to the Bruce and Jean Stuhler.

She was a graduate of SS. Peter and Paul Area High School. She received her BS degree from Michigan State and was employed as

celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this spring.

Following her work as executive assistant at Sahlin Engineering, she focused on supporting John's career and caring for her family. Nancy and John raised their three cherished daughters in Berkeley, Royal Oak and Rochester Hills. They also lived in England and Mexico for assignments related to John's work with Ford Tractor Operations. After residing briefly in Farmington Hills and Indianapolis, Ind., they spent their retirement summers on Lake Margrethe in Grayling at the family's cabin, their R & R retreat for more than 40 years, and their winters in Englewood, Fla., and Austin, Texas.

She was a lifelong learner who inspired others to stay aware and involved.

She returned to school in her 40s and obtained her associate degree at Oakland Community College, where she graduated at the top of her class. She read multiple books at a time and loved to talk about current issues. For years she was a leader at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Clawson, and after her rebirth in Christ was steadfast in her pursuit of God.

In retirement, she and John started off every day reading the Bible and praying for family and friends.

Many were touched by the power of her faith. Shortly before leaving, she

a medical technician at Mercy Hospital in Grayling for 28 years.

She was married to Dick Fultz. She assisted him with his business at the Cross Country Ski Shop.

They lived on and loved Higgins Lake, where she enjoyed a physically active lifestyle. She pursued life to its fullest and sadly leaves behind her husband; parents; sisters: Mary Ann (Mike) Miles, Kate Stuhler, Anne (Michael) Hartman; brothers, James and Patrick Stuhler; mother-in-law, Lillian Fultz; cherished nieces and nephews: Jenna and Kevin Miles and Teague and Tierney Hartman; and many, many friends.

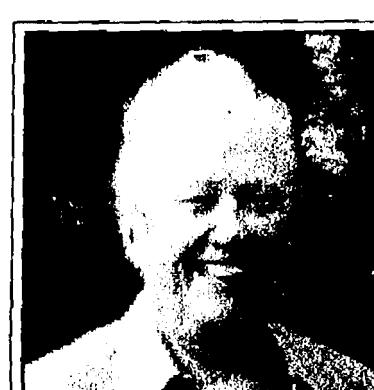
A memorial celebrating her life will be held at Higgins Lake at a later date.

wrote, "I am now six weeks in hospice and am amazed at how much I have learned. It feels like I am being spoon-fed in the meaning of mercy. For every 'down' moment there have been dozens radiant with love and new insight. How can it be otherwise when I am in His arms?"

In her final weeks, her encouragement traveled widely through 1,500 visits to the Caring Bridge Web site. Remembered for her love of family, elegance, appreciation of art and beauty, laughter, hugs, reliance on Christ and steady prayer, we thank God for her irreplaceable, inspiring example. She is greatly missed.

She is survived by her beloved husband, John; their daughters and husbands, Debra and Dave Evans of Austin, Texas, Kerry Olson and Dave Katz of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Santa Fe, N.M., and Nancy and Kent Shallow of Auburn Hills; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Marion Majeski of Englewood, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Donations in Nancy's honor can be made to The Firelight Foundation (www.firelightfoundation.org), Christopher House (www.hospiceaustin.org), or the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund (www.orcf.org).



Nancy M. Munger

Nancy Mae Munger, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt, graduated on July 6, 2009, in Austin, Texas. She passed peacefully at Christopher House, a hospice facility where she spent her last weeks surrounded by family. On July 13, her life was lovingly celebrated at the Barr Mansion in Austin amidst garden blooms, heartfelt sharing, live music, great food and a candlelit service after sunset.

She was born Nancy Mae Allen to Helen and Eugene Allen in Birmingham on February 12, 1928.

She and her sweetheart, John Munger, met at Barnum Elementary School, where they were in the same kindergarten, first and third grade classes. Their lifelong love affair began when they started dating in high school and started going steady on December 16, 1944. After graduating from Baldwin High School in 1946, and surviving a tragic accident, they were married in Birmingham on May 6, 1949. They were blessed to

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Marilea



I would like to thank Dr. Lucas for the excellent care I have received at Health Zone Chiropractic for the past eight years. They have helped me through back and shoulder injuries and surgery. With regular adjustments and massage therapy from Lisa Keefer I am pain free and able to enjoy lifting my grandchildren, playing for hours with them and my occasional home repairs. Thank you so much.

Nancy



My name is Karen. Over 2 1/2 years ago I came down with joint & muscle pain that was very painful. It turns out I have fibromyalgia. I tried another chiropractor in town & didn't get good results. Then I came to the Health Zone. With massage and chiropractic treatment, I improved greatly and am able now to do most things with minimal pain. I was doing better over all, but after Dr. Lucas showed up things went from good to great. I appreciate his help. The massage & chiropractic have been a God Send for me.

Karen

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Courtney, 12 yrs. old



I went to Health Zone for pain in the middle of my back. My results have been great so far. I have noticed I have been in better health, I have no pain and I feel better. The biggest surprise since beginning care is how good my back feels. It's rare for me to have any back pain now. I would recommend others to try chiropractic care for better all-over health. Not only that, but the staff here is always cheerful and very efficient.

Shelley



I was experiencing dizziness and had a sore shoulder. I was also having trouble sleeping on my right side. Every time I would get up in the morning I would become dizzy. Since beginning care I have noticed less pain, I feel better and have an increase in flexibility. The biggest surprise since I have began care is the dizzy spells I was experiencing are now gone and I have a lot better movement in my shoulder. I would recommend Chiropractic care to others because it may help the problem and cost less if the problem goes on.

Harold



I was a non-believer. I believed the pain left in my ankle was the cause of all my problems. The foot doctor thought I should see a chiropractor. I finally did and am very glad I did it. My feet don't hurt as much and the feeling is coming back. Been feeling so good in general, it's scary. I have hope of doing more and staying healthy. It's a great feeling!

Jill

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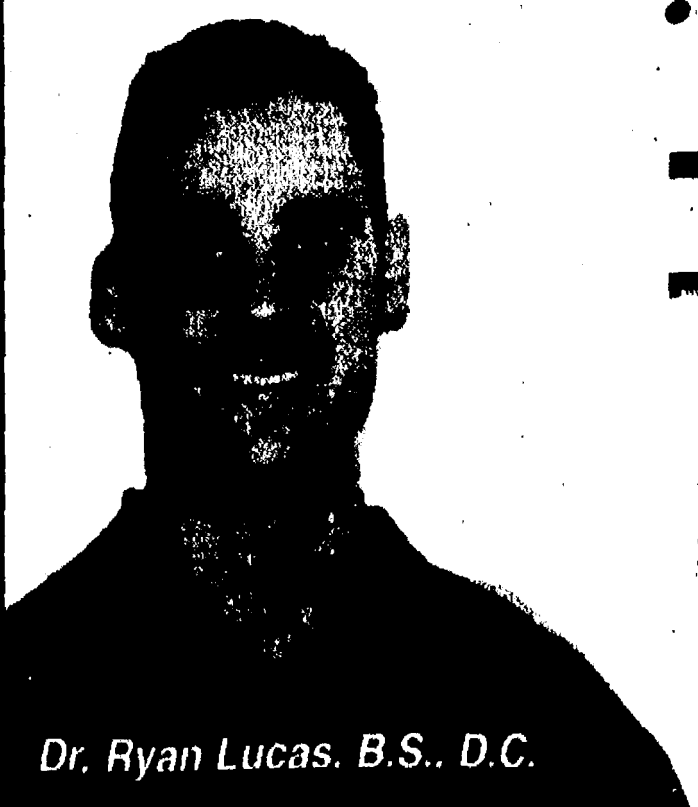
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District Health Department #10 Community Calendar

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for July.

Immunization clinics: Aug. 3, 5, 17, 19 and 24 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. Aug. 5, 6, 13, 14, 19, 20, 24, 26 and 27. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions. For information,

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Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for Aug. 4 and 18 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Aug. 25, 26, 28 and 28. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, July 31 - Lunch - breaded cod, red potatoes, broccoli cuts, fresh fruit salad. No dinner. 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, Aug. 2 - Sunday Brunch, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit salad, orange juice and milk.

Monday, Aug. 3 - Lunch - Chicken stir-fry, brown rice, peas and a plum. Dinner - pork chop, glazed sweet potatoes, asparagus and applesauce. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Hearing Clinic.

Tuesday, Aug. 4 - Lunch - Swedish meatballs with noodles, carrots, green beans and cinnamon applesauce. Dinner - baked

chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and pears. 10 a.m. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Aug. 5 -

Lunch - smoked sausage, sauerkraut, corn and peaches. Dinner - stuffed cabbage, green beans, carrots, oranges and grapefruit and apple crisp. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Commodities at St. Mary's, 1 p.m. pool league and Community Garden Party at the garden, 5 p.m. Cardio.

Thursday, Aug. 6 - Lunch - pork roast with stuffing, broccoli, cauliflower and honey-nut apples. Dinner - beef stroganoff, mixed vegetables, cauliflower and pineapple. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 NARFE meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Card of Thanks

"A special thank you from the library."

The trustees of the Crawford County Devereaux County Library would like to give an enthusiastic and heartfelt thank you to all those who so generously gave of their time and effort to make the library summer book sale the success that it was. In addition to the staff members who volunteered their "off time," and the boys from Camp Shawano who helped clean up after the

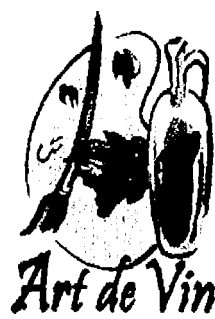
sale, we especially want to thank the following volunteers: Greg Toprak, Rebekka Struder, Breonna Hill, Mandy Stade, Selena Ockerman, Josh and Jacob Meyer, Shirley and Steve Welke, Dotty Pecor, Marilyn Stevenson, Shirley and Norm Schmooch, Marlene Goss and John Keir.

Even more importantly, the trustees would like to thank all the wonderful people who came to the sale and purchased the books. Without our customers the sale would not have been the success that it was.

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Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd., Aug. 9 - 12.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, Aug. 6 - 12.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Rd., west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline, Aug. 6 - 8.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of county Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Aug. 6 - 12.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Aug. 6 - 12.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North

Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, Aug. 6-12.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on: Bucks east-west Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks east-west to N. Down River Rd.; Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.; Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 133 complaints the week of June 20 - July 26.

Two EMS responses, one natural death, one natural death, 28 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minor, three false alarm activations, one robbery, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, four burglaries/home invasions, one burglary-forced entry-residence, one burglary-no forced entry-residence, four larcenies, two fraudulent activities, three damage to properties, one felony fleeing or eluding, 20 public

peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, one operating under the influence of drugs, one operating while intoxicated, five health and safeties, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, 11 traffic accidents, three accidents-non-traffic, one traffic policing, one traffic safety public appearance, two inspections/investigations-motor vehicle, four inspections/investigations-other, one lost and found property, eight family troubles-domestic, 13 suspicious situations and seven driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for July 24 was Eric Nelson.

Crawford County United Way

The winners of the July 4th Crawford County United Way raffle, "Food in your Belly and Fuel in your Tank," were Candy Schreiber and Cheryl Lucey.

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter

The winner of the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter's 50/50 raffle at Penrod's was Corky Hellebuyck and the winner of the gift basket was Terry Green.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to the firefighters and police officers that saved our family's cabin when a forest fire started near it on July 13. Within a short time of calling 911, emergency crews from Grayling, Lovells and South Branch Fire Departments, Crawford County Sheriff's Department and the DNR, responded and put out the flames before they reached the cabin. The mementos, hunting trophies and pictures cannot be replaced, so we are very grateful to the crews that saved our priceless items from destruction.

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Card of Thanks

I want to thank all of our sponsors, my feeders, friends, family and my mom and dad for doing our marathon shirts. Without everyone's help and words

of encouragement, the marathon wouldn't have been possible.

Thanks again,
Jordan Wakeley
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Card of Thanks

I just want to compliment the Grayling Little League Association for the wonderful job they did hosting the state tournament for the 13-14 year old girls division.

I am from St. Clair, and my hometown had a team in the tournament. I spoke with many people from St. Clair while at the game Sunday and they raved about how gracious and polite and organized our Little League was to them. I'd like to thank my new hometown, for treating my old hometown so well.

Jeanne Bulmer,
Grayling

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Jim Humes of Penrod's Canoe Rental, Judy Smith of Riverwoods Specialty Desserts, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, Dean Smith of the Ramada Inn, Mary Marelich of Gifts by the Basketful, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, all our volunteers and staff, and hundreds of sweet-toothed supporters who made the shelter's latest bake sale and gift basket raffle a huge success. A big woof-woof and meow from all the dogs and cats, too.

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Voters to decide senior center options

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If both propositions pass, the proposition receiving the highest number of affirmative - yes votes - will prevail.

If both funding and senior center locations are voted down, the Crawford County Commission on Aging Board would be forced back to the planning table to study its options.

The COA board has been studying the move to relocate to the Grayling Fish Hatchery building since September 2007. Prior to that, a building committee comprised of COA and Grayling

Housing Commission officials was formed to study space needs for the senior center. The COA leases space for the current senior center on Lawndale Street from the Grayling Housing Commission. The COA board proposed to move the Grayling Housing Commission offices to a building across the street so it could expand into the entire building. Grayling Housing Commission tenants voted against the proposal, which was followed by the Grayling Housing Commission Board voting against the move. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development also advised the COA Board that they could not expand their use of the facility.

Alice Snyder, the COA director, said growth in the senior population and the need to provide more services for seniors has driven the need for a new facility.

In 2000, Crawford County

had a population of 3,189 seniors. As of July 2008, the senior population has grown to 3,489 seniors, which is 25 percent of the county's population.

Built in the 1960s, the current senior center has 5,000 square feet of space.

Initially, the COA board believed it needed 8,000 square feet for the senior center. Consultants, however, recommended planning for a building between 12,000 and 13,000 square feet.

Providing an adult care, offering a woodshop and expanding health and fitness classes are activities that would be added with future building plans. Snyder also said Baby Boomers moving to northern Michigan will cause the number of people the agency serves to increase.

The fish hatchery building and the construction of a new senior center from scratch will both meet the current needs of the seniors and provides ample room for expansion.

Snyder said there is a need for added parking spaces when the senior center has large activities or trips. There currently is a lack of space for some activities and events, and the schedule has to be juggled to accommodate multiple functions held at the same time. There is also a lack of private office space where counseling, education and services can be provided to seniors. The COA cannot hire additional staff until more office space is available. Finally, kitchen

equipment, trash and recycling are stored in the recreation area due to the lack of storage space.

The COA board has studied over a half dozen locations for a new center, before determining Grayling Fish Hatchery emerged as the favored option. Wording for the ballot language for the second proposition, to build a new senior center, was approved by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners in May.

Some seniors have opposed the move the Grayling Fish Hatchery from the beginning of the site relocation process. In April, seniors submitted 1,425 signatures from registered voters to force the referendum vote on the county's issuance of \$1.5 million in bonds to pay for renovations and additions of the former Grayling Fish Hatchery building for the senior center.

Holding the special election will cost the COA between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Senior Billie Squanda said she believes a new senior center should be located closer to apartments surrounding the current senior center, providing access to meals and activities.

"New or old - I just don't feel it should be located in this area," Squanda said.

Snyder noted that seniors living in the apartment only comprise two percent of the total senior population the Grayling Senior Center served in its last fiscal year. Snyder, however, said COA

officials would work with Grayling Housing Commission Director Jennie Hatfield to continue to meet the needs of residents living in the apartments volunteer at the senior center.

"We care very much about the seniors that live around the current senior center," Snyder said. "Many of them are wonderful volunteers and add significant value to our organization."

Despite all the debate over the last several months, Squanda said she is pleased that voters voices will be heard at the polls.

"If the people vote to move the senior center to the fish hatchery or to the other location - fine - but it's not going to be a vote of the people - not just a vote of the COA Board and the county board," Squanda said.

Crawford County Commissioner Mike Lange said the space dilemma the COA has faced over the last several years is obvious and hopes voters will help resolve the issue.

"I just hope one of the proposals passes because obviously the COA needs the space one way or another," Lange said.

Snyder noted that if the proposals pass, building plans would need to be finalized, bids would be sought and contracts would have to be secured under the dollar amounts approved by voters.

"The vote is the first step in the process of three steps we will need to take for the relocation of the senior center," Snyder said.

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Magic, creations in the park



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Dozens of arts and crafts vendors displayed their creations in Grayling's AuSable River City Park during the AuSable River Festival. Above right, Ed "The Amazing Zed" Romsek of Eastpoint performs a card trick for Jamie Williams and J. Norman Wilson. Above right, John Gibson of J & K Custom Signs in Atlanta, made routed wood signs as customers waited.

Garbage transformed into energy for Camp Grayling's annual training

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Within five minutes, a bag of garbage can be compressed, shredded and pelletized in a feedstock processing module. The pellets are then transferred to a gas production module, which burns the material supplemented with a small amount of diesel fuel. MEWEPS is able to produce 60 kilowatts of continuous electrical power through a tactical quiet generator. That is enough power to provide electricity for a dozen homes, or for military purposes, an encampment of 550 troops.

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The system allows troops to dispose of waste without hauling it to a landfill or hiring and providing security for foreign nationals when they enter the bases to collect the waste.

"To the extent that our waste from the food and water that we provide our troops can be pelletized which we can then burn for fuel for our troops, we have really cut down our energy footprint as we like to do and the Army really becomes green at that point," said Brig. Gen. Michael C. McDaniel, the state's Homeland Security advisor to Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm. "We can make it safe for our troops and we

make it more efficient on our troops."

Harold Sanborn, an energy infrastructure team leader from TARDEC, noted that fuel is the second largest item that troops have to transport on the battlefield - often through a hostile environment.

"Every 10 percent of fuel that you save - saves a convoy and when you save that fuel from being convoyed the ripple effect in security and the ripple effect in soldier's duties - all of that adds up to a win-win and we get the environmental benefit as well," Sanborn said.

Military officials also noted that MEWEPS could be used for Homeland Security missions and natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina when they have to provide food and water to an area.

"This is demonstration of technology that can support the warfighter and can also support Homeland Security and natural disasters," Sanborn said.

During annual training, which began on Saturday, July 18 and runs through Friday, Aug. 7, MEWEPS is being used generate hot water for shower houses used by the troops.

Following annual training, the MEWEPS will be transferred from the FOB to a recycling center at Camp Grayling.

Maj. Jim Robson, facilities engineer for Camp Grayling, said recycling operations started three years ago at Camp Grayling, but got into full swing on base within the last year.

"Once use of MEWEPS has evolved, I hope to use

one to power a whole electrical grid on site," Robson said.

Kelly Jezierski, senior project engineer from NextEnergy, said Michigan's Congressional delegation in Washington D.C. and the U.S. Department of Defense were pivotal in moving the MEWEPS project forward. Jezierski said the MEWEPS could eventually be used at sporting and concert venues, school and universities and rural villages and residential communities.

"If you've ever heard the expression - one man's garbage is another man's gold - that could not be truer with this system," Jezierski said.

McDaniel said use of technology is one way the military and the rest of country can become less dependent on oil-rich countries where wars are being fought. He added that the system will also help the military curb costs and the reliance on outside contractors.

"Anyway we can make ourselves more self-sufficient - like the days of old - all the better," McDaniel said. "This is one of the ways we can do that whether we're in Afghanistan, whether we're in Iraq or whether we're in New Orleans - wherever we might be - the idea is to make ourselves as self-sustaining as possible."

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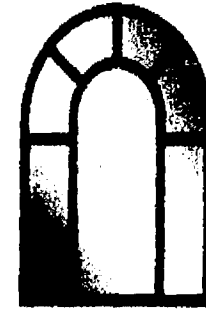
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Josh Sheldon, left, who finished sixth with Nick Walton during the 2009 AuSable River Canoe Marathon, swims at Oscoda after crossing the finish line. Mitch McMillan, right, who took fifth with Josh Taylor, carries the back of their canoe during a portage at Cooke Dam.

75 of record 90 teams finish 2009 AuSable Marathon

Triebold, Lajoie win for 2nd consecutive year

by Caleb Casey
 Senior Staff Writer

Ninety paddling teams – a new record – started the 62nd Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon this past weekend, and 75 of them reached the finish line. Andrew Triebold, 33, of Spring Arbor, and Steve Lajoie, 33, of Mirabel, Quebec, finished first with a final time of 14:17:42, winning the

marathon for the second consecutive year.

The field of 90 set a new participation record for the third consecutive year. Last year's AuSable Marathon featured 76 teams and in 2007 – the event's 60th anniversary – 75 teams started the race. Before that, the marathon in 2000 owned the record with 68 teams.

The record field in 2009

provided a variety of challenges for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Volunteer Race Committee, including expansion of Time Trials – an event that determines starting positions for the race start's run to the river, a venue change for pre-race canoe inspections, and a "constant stream" of boats at the finish line.

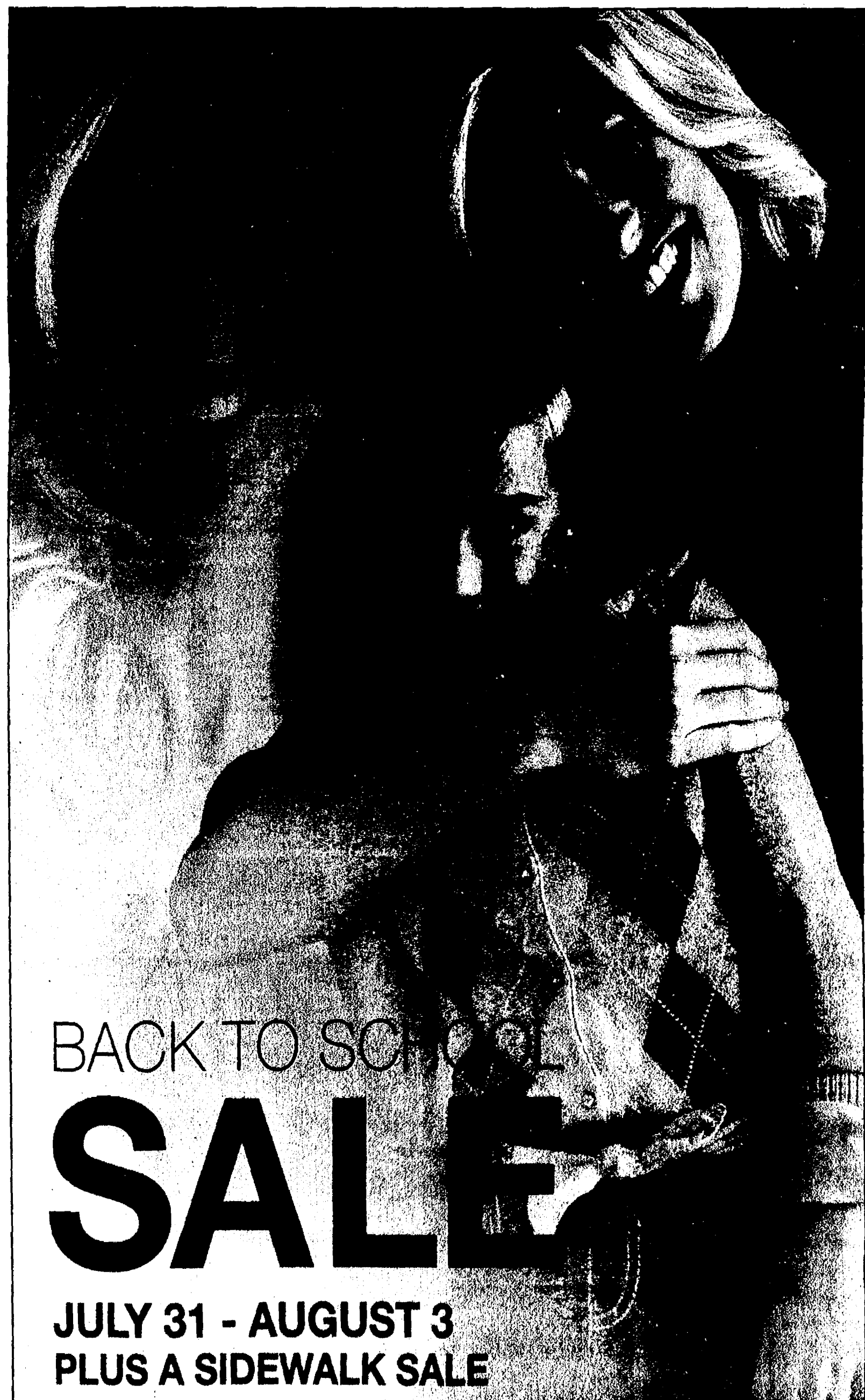
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Colin Hunter and Lee Barnett walk past the crowd at the Old AuSable Fly Shop during pre-race paddler introductions on Saturday.



Tony Short and Brad Gross drift past the finish line at Oscoda on Sunday.

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2009 AuSable River Canoe Marathon Unofficial Results

Place	Time	Paddler	Place	Time	Paddler
01	14:17:42	Andrew Triebold	45	16:22:36	Dick Kloss
02	14:29:18	Steve Corlew	46	16:26:52	Jeff Bartscher
03	14:35:12	Mo Harwood	47	16:30:26	Jason Thompson
04	14:37:59	Marc Gillespie	48	16:32:49	Alex Donaldson
05	14:39:41	Josh Taylor	49	16:34:00	Michael Davis
06	14:40:59	Nick Walton	50	16:37:53	Jay Vichert
07	14:46:52	Tony Short	51	16:39:58	Andrew Tenbusch
08	14:53:23	Mike Schlimmer	52	16:42:58	Derek Harrison
09	14:55:39	Ken Kolonich	53	16:45:35	Mike Taylor
10	14:57:31	Lee Barnett	54	16:52:40	Justin Griffith
11	15:06:30	Rick Joy	55	16:54:20	Joe Johnson
12	15:07:30	Sean Casey	56	16:57:08	Greg Nelson
13	15:07:39	Bruce Barton	57	16:57:26	Chuck Armstrong
14	15:09:25	Jason Hatfield	58	16:58:14	Blaise St. Pierre
15	15:12:58	Holly Reynolds	59	16:58:17	Matt McDonald
16	15:15:15	Camaron McClain	60	16:58:30	Steve Larose
17	15:18:55	Ted Smutek	61	16:59:21	John Lucey
18	15:23:45	Ray Trudgeon	62	17:02:35	Chuck Hewitt
19	15:29:16	Nick Bauer	63	17:09:15	Shawn Smith
20	15:31:22	Devin Arenz	64	17:14:22	Grant Tally
21	15:33:14	Armin Lopez	65	17:19:38	Jon Thompson
22	15:33:14	Erich Podjasko	66	17:21:14	Alec Davis
23	15:34:22	Steve Bis	67	17:25:44	Carrie Deave
24	15:37:37	Amado Cruz	68	17:25:53	Rick Gillings
25	15:38:15	Vicki Cummings	69	17:38:03	Marcia Rimer
26	15:38:37	Flash Marsh	70	17:38:03	Yvonne Witte
27	15:40:05	Robert Smith	71	17:42:39	John Pavik
28	15:40:42	Jordan Wakeley	72	17:46:29	Ed Lipinski
29	15:44:24	Jim Bauer	73	17:54:26	Eric Osterber
30	15:46:27	Joey Kinsel	74	17:57:14	Rusty Argue
31	15:46:37	Ray Bauer	75	DNF	Jeff DePalo
32	15:48:58	Michael Poland	76	DNF	Daniel Medina
33	15:51:42	Doug Moggo	77	DNF	Tim Chapple
34	15:52:28	Tom Cannon	78	DNF	Jerry Killingbeck
35	15:55:12	Michael Garon	79	DNF	Anna Peterson
36	16:00:53	Mike Hartman	80	DNF	Dylan Friedman
37	16:01:29	Christina Wilson	81	DNF	Ray Wonders
38	16:03:05	Emily Peterson	82	DNF	Shane Barber
39	16:05:57	Gary Arena	83	DNF	Brian Jacobs
40	16:11:41	Joe Pollock	84	DNF	Joe Leusby
41	16:15:33	Neil Wiesner-Hanks	85	DNF	Randy Allison
42	16:17:00	Chris Doolley	86	DNF	Joseph McDougall
43	16:18:21	John Langstaff	87	DNF	Martin Doucet
44	16:21:52	Daniel Rabinkin	88	DNF	Mark Noorman
45	16:22:21	Ray Quick	89	DNF	Paul Freeman
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Connie Cannon, left, who placed 13th overall (first, mixed division) with Bruce Barton, smiles at the crowd after finishing the race on Sunday. Marc Gillespie and Matt Rudnitsky, right, who placed fourth, drift towards land after crossing the finish line at Oscoda.

75 of record 90 teams finish 2009 AuSable Marathon

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"It went off pretty smooth," said John Lucey, Chairman of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Volunteer Race Committee.

With so many participants, the finish line was busier than usual, Lucey said, since the canoes were spaced closer together than in past years.

"It was a constant stream of boats," Lucey said. "I think it's more exciting for the fans that way."

Will participation start to shrink from its record highs or will it continue to expand? Can the race reach 100 participants in the near future?

"We don't know. We take it year by year," Lucey said. "It's a great event, a great testament to Grayling - and Oscoda, for that matter - to have this many canoes when other races throughout the country are going down (in participation)."

The weather also played a role in this year's race - it rained briefly after the start of the race and during the finish for a few of the participants.

"For the paddlers it wasn't too bad," Lucey said. "The only disadvantage is it got a little cold."

It didn't rain for long, and Lucey - who also paddled in this year's marathon - said, "We had a beautiful night."

Triebold and Lajoie - the winners this year - led at all 15 of the AuSable Marathon's timing checkpoints and finished approximately 11 minutes ahead of Steve Corlew, 28, of Brighton, and Matt Streib, 45, of Bristol, Ind. - the second place team. Corlew and Streib, who were listed in second place at all 15 checkpoints, posted a final time of 14:29:18.

Mo Harwood, 30, and Matt Ashton, 30, both of Grayling, finished third with a time of 14:35:12. Marc Gillespie, 56, and Matt Rudnitsky, 23, both of New York, placed fourth (14:37:59). Josh Taylor, 30, of Grayling, and Mitch McMillan, 34, of Clare, took fifth (14:39:41).

Other top 10 teams included: 6) Nick Walton, 36, of Haslett, and Josh Sheldon, 28, of Potterville, 14:40:59; 7) Tony Short, 45, of Kawkawlin, and Brad Gross, 40, of Pinconning, 14:46:52; 8) Mike Schlimmer, 22, and Ben Schlimmer, 20, both of New York, 14:53:23; 9) Ken Kolonich, 63, and Steve Kolonich, 37, both of Eaton Rapids, 14:55:39; 10) Lee Barnett, 28, and Colin Hunter, 28, both of Grayling, 14:57:31.

Rick Joy, 50, of Silverwood, and Russ Reker, 45, of Lapeer, finished 11th (15:06:30). Sean Casey, 30, of Mt. Pleasant, and Matt Meersman, 32, of South Bend, Ind., placed 12th (15:07:30).

The first place mixed team this year - Bruce Barton, 52, of Homer, and Connie Cannon, 48, of East Lansing - finished 13th overall (15:07:39). Jason Hatfield, 31, of Grayling, and Mike Bradford, 44, of Lapeer, took 14th (15:09:25). The second place mixed team - Holly Reynolds, 29, and Jeff Rankinen, 46, of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively - placed 15th overall (15:12:58).

Of the three women's division teams in this year's race, Emily Peterson, 29, of Minneapolis, Minn., and

Carrie Montgomery, 39, of Mikado, finished first (38th overall) with a time of 16:03:05.

(Note: All times listed in this article are "unofficial.") Fifteen of the 90 teams that started the race did not reach the finish line due to a variety of reasons, including injury, illness, or timing disqualification. The mark of 75 teams finishing the race established a new AuSable Marathon record.

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Ray Wonders and Ray Wonders Jr., left, and Jeff Baerlocher and Brian Royce, right, paddle upstream during Thursday's Time Trials event at Penrod's.



Sean Casey and Matt Meersman, left, and Andrew Tenbusch and Skip Conant, right, compete in Time Trials on Friday, July 24.



Top two sprinters finish 1st, 2nd in 2009 AuSable Marathon

Six of top seven Time Trials teams place in marathon's top seven

by Caleb Casey
 Senior Staff Writer

The top two teams during last week's AuSable River Canoe Marathon Time Trials — a two-day event held on Thursday and Friday to determine starting positions for the race start's run to the river on Saturday night — also finished first and second in this year's marathon.

Time Trials — an event in which marathon teams paddle a looped course at Penrod's — usually provide a good indication of which

teams will finish near the top during the AuSable Marathon. This year, six of the top seven teams at Time Trials also finished in the top seven on Sunday in the 2009 AuSable Marathon; however, there were also a few top 15 teams in the marathon that exceeded their sprint position.

Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie, the winners of this year's AuSable Marathon, also posted the best sprint time this year at Time Trials — 5:34.45. Steve Corlew and Matt Streib took second in both events, posting a sprint time of 5:35.61.

Marc Gillespie and Matt Rudnitsky placed fourth in both events and had a final sprint time of 5:53.66. Nick Walton and Josh Sheldon took sixth at Time Trials (and in the marathon) with a sprint time of 5:56.29. Mo Harwood and Matt Ashton,



Jim Bauer and Alison Scott finish their sprint on Thursday.

who finished seventh during sprints (5:57.33), took third in the marathon. Sean Casey and Matt Meersman posted the eighth best sprint time of the event (5:57.53) and took 12th during the marathon.

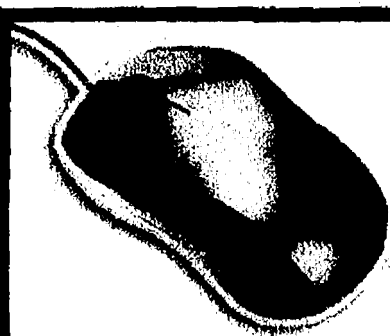
Ken Kolonich and Steve Kolonich finished ninth at Time Trials (5:57.74) and ninth during the AuSable Marathon. Rick Joy and Russ Reker placed 10th at sprints (6:02.97) and 11th on Sunday. Jason Hatfield and Mike Bradford took 12th at Time Trials and 14th in the marathon.

Lee Barnett and Colin Hunter outperformed their sprint place during the marathon, finishing 22nd during Time Trials and 10th during the actual race. Bruce Barton and Connie Cannon — 13th in the marathon and 22nd at sprints — and Holly Reynolds and Jeff Rankinen — 15th in the race and 29th at Time Trials — made similar jumps.

Ray Trudgeon and Brad Bauer, the third place team at Time Trials (5:48.15), took 18th on Sunday.

Eighty-nine of the 90 AuSable Marathon teams sprinted this year.

Complete results of the Time Trials event are available on the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's official Web site at www.ausablecanoemarathon.org.



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277 cyclists ride from Grayling to Oscoda during Black Bear

Threatening stormy weather did not dampen the spirits or record number of participants for the 2009 Black Bear Bicycle Tour, which started in Grayling on Sunday morning. Before the day was over, 277 riders were treated to a windy, wild and wet struggle to keep up with the paddlers of the AuSable Canoe Marathon. By the time the first cyclists arrived in Oscoda, as the sun broke through, the canoes raised their record to six of the last eight years of coming in first.

The first cyclist crossing the finish line was Jordan Smitten, 22, of Byron Center. He rode the 100 miles from Grayling to Oscoda in 4:02:28. Paul Wertberg, 61, finished in 4:13:11 as one of the top 20 finishers of the race. Sandra Gerken and Lori Kelly arrived in Oscoda as the last riders, checking in 8:15 p.m. — one of them riding a bike borrowed from The Bicycle Shop of Grayling.

The Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour, while not a race, provides timing for riders so that they have an accurate time for the accomplishment of riding a bicycle 100 miles from Grayling to Oscoda. This year the field departed from Grayling in waves to spread the riders out. Some of the first riders to arrive in Oscoda did not necessarily have the shortest time.

Over hills, through national and state forests, and at times in view of the renowned AuSable River, riders toured through some of the most pristine areas of northern Michigan on their way to catch the canoes that left Grayling the evening before.

The course had five feed stations staffed by the Grayling Rotary Club and local volunteers who handed out muffins, fruit and water. The majority of riders trickled in throughout the day. After finishing, the riders gathered at the AuSable River Store for



A group of riders leaves Grayling during the start of the 2009 Black Bear Bicycle Tour.

pizza and to watch the canoes pass. They also drew for raffle prizes.

The Black Bear Bicycle Tour serves as a Grayling Rotary Club fund-raiser for service projects that include, among others, clean water projects for developing countries, bicycle helmets for children attending the Grayling Bicycle Rodeo, local economic development programs and the ongoing effort to eradicate polio from the planet.

Fred Fisher III, Rotarian and co-chair for this year's event, said, "It's pretty neat to see the crowd we attract. We just couldn't do this without the help of our friends at Avita Water, our major sponsor, and the 20 contributing sponsors that have made it possible to put on this event."

Complete results of the 2009 Black Bear Bicycle Tour are expected to be posted online this week at www.grayling-area.com/blackbear2009/.

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Thursday Ladies League

The standings for Thursday, July 23, are as follows.

In Flight 1, the wins were Freer and Longendyke with 15, Ostling and J. McKindles with 13, Upton and Ferguson with 11, Hall and Marshall with 10, Coors and Lederman with 8 and Gust and Griffin with 6. Marshall had a low net of 33. Ostling had a birdie on hole #10, Lederman had a birdie on hole #15, Freer had a birdie on hole #16 and Upton had a birdie on hole #16.

In Flight 2, Koutnik and Summerix had a score of 16, Finkbeiner and DiPonio had 14, Davis and Adolph had 8, Bake and Baldwin had 7

and Baetens and Bradley had 5. DiPonio had a low net of 34.

In Flight 3, the team of Nester and Close came in with 16, DeMassa and Willikins with 13, Hanson and Walper with 13, Patchin and Deloge with 8, Patrik and Febey with 8 Kelsey and Funkey with 5. Deloge had a low net of 31. She had the low net for the night.

Tuesday Couples League

The standings for Tuesday, July 21, are as follows.

In Flight 1, the wins were the Gusts with 39, the Koutniks with 37, the Uptons with 35, the Fergusons with 32, the Coors' with 30, Griffins with 30, the Halls with 25 and the

Ledermans with 24. J. Coors had low net of 34 and J. Upton had low net of 31. J. Coors had a birdie on hole #10, J. Lederman had a birdie on hole #13, J. Lederman had a birdie on hole #15, R. Longendyke had a birdie on hole #15 and J. Lederman had a birdie on hole #16. J. Upton had low net for the

night with 31.

In Flight 2, the wins were the Finkbeiners with 50, the Adolphs with 38, the Davis' with 40, the McNallys with 35, Neil/Hritz with 30, the Febeys with 21, the Peltons with 21 and Hanson/Elliott with 15. W. Finkbeiner had a low net of 32. M. McNally had low net of 32.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jodi A Modos, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2004, and recorded on July 1, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 702, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Huntington National Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy And 71/100 Dollars (\$99,570.71), including interest at 4.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 19, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 17 and 18, Block 6, Karen Woods Subdivision, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of

recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records, and all that part of the following described parcel located West of Sweden Road and East of Lot 18: The Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, EXCEPTING that portion taken for Karen Woods Subdivision, and EXCEPT parcel of land described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 4 of Karen Woods Subdivision; Thence North 89 degrees 56 Minutes East 307 feet to the 1/8 corner on section line of Section 13; thence South on Section line 561.8 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes West 316 feet to a point 165 feet East of the Southeast corner of Block 5 of said Subdivision; thence North 0 degrees 33 minutes West to point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of

such sale. Dated: July 16, 2009 For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #171185F02 -16-23-30-6

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sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 26, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Janice Manor, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: July 23, 2009 For more information, please call: FC R (248) 593-1305 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #274576F01 -23-30-6-13

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them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 26, 2009. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 9, Block 11, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: July 23, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.4669 ASAP# 3190249 07/23/2009, 07/30/2009, 08/06/2009, 08/13/2009 -23-30-6-13

UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS Held on the 13th Day of July 2009

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were on the 2010-2015 Capital Improvement Plan, County Road Millage issue, energy workshop, I-75 Business Loop construction project, meter reading equipment and software upgrades, capital improvement expenditures, request to serve on Keep Michigan Beautiful committee, Grayling Charter Township's plan for county wide recycling, Governor's review of troops, staffing levels, summer work projects and a request to buy out vacation time.

Approval of the Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Certain City Owned Real Property.

Review of Reports.

Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 9:37 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

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Grayling Charter Township to hold public hearing on township-wide special assessment for trash/recycling

The members of the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees will hold a second public hearing to hear public comment on the payment method of a township-wide special assessment for the purpose of trash disposal and recycling. The special assessment was established by board vote on July 15th, after an earlier public hearing when the majority of the attendees supported it.

The special assessment will eliminate the current trash disposal decal cost of \$60 purchased by the township public at the town hall, with a \$45 charge to all improved township properties as a separate line item on your winter tax bill. The annual decal would come to property owners in the tax bill envelope in late December.

This hearing is to decide how special exceptions will be handled, such as multi-family housing on one property, and commercial use.

A special assessment is not a tax. It is a charge for services established under Michigan state law (Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended).

The board of trustees will meet in the township board room on Tuesday, August 6th, at 10 a.m. to hear comments by the public. The final decision will be made at the regular August board meeting on Wednesday, August 19th. The township offices and boardroom are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. If you can't attend the hearing, please write your comments and mail them to: Terry Wright, Supervisor; Grayling Charter Township, PO Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright
Supervisor

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND BOND PROPOSITIONS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the County of Crawford, Michigan, on Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 2009 to vote upon the ballot propositions set forth in the following resolution that was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County, of Crawford on May 20, 2009:

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF BOND PROPOSITIONS TO ELECTORS

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Crawford, Michigan (the "County"), held on May 20, 2009.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended (the "Act"), the County is authorized to borrow money for the purpose of acquiring certain public improvements; and

WHEREAS, a notice to issue bonds for the purpose set forth in the bond proposition attached as Exhibit A hereto was published in accordance with Section 517 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, petitions requesting a referendum on the question of issuing such bonds were received in sufficient number to require authorization of the County electorate before the bonds may be issued; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners (the "Board") has determined that it is appropriate to submit a bond proposition to the electors of the County at a special election to be held on August 4, 2009, for the purpose set forth in the bond proposition attached as Exhibit A hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and expedient for the County to make permanent improvements for a County Senior Center and County Commission on Aging facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 118, Public Acts of Michigan, 1923, as amended ("Act 118"), the County is authorized to borrow money and issue its bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of such improvements, subject to approval by a majority of the electors of the County voting at an election to be called at the direction of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to submit a bond proposition in the form attached as Exhibit B hereto to the electors of the County at the August 4, 2009, election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. The bond propositions set forth on Exhibit A and B shall be submitted to the electors of the County at a special election hereby called by the Board to be held in the County on August 4, 2009, which date is the August regular election date pursuant to section 641 of the Michigan election law.

2. The County is hereby authorized to borrow money and issue its bonds pursuant to the provisions of Act 118 in an amount and for the purpose set forth in the bond proposition attached as Exhibit B hereto, subject to approval by a majority of the electors of the County voting at the August 4, 2009 election.

3. The County Clerk and the County Sheriff are hereby directed to do all things necessary, including all things required by Act 118 and the election laws of the State of Michigan, to provide for the submission of the bond propositions to the electors of the County at the August 4, 2009, election.

4. This resolution shall not become effective or binding upon the County with respect to the bond proposition set forth on Exhibit B until such bond proposition shall be approved by a majority of the electors of the County.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby rescinded.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT A CRAWFORD COUNTY BOND PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the County of Crawford, Michigan, issue limited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000 pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of constructing renovations and additions to the Crawford County Building located at 4895 West North Down River Road in the City of Grayling, Michigan, formerly known as the old fish hatchery building, and making related site improvements? The primary purpose of the renovations will be to locate the offices of the Crawford County Commission on Aging at this facility or any other public purpose deemed to be appropriate by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. The maximum number of years that the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 15 years. The bonds are intended to be paid from general fund moneys of the County, and the full faith and credit of the County will be pledged as security for the bonds. The County will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to use moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due; provided, however, that the ability of the County to raise such moneys is subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County.

If this proposition and Bond Proposition No. 2 presented to the electors of the County at this August 4, 2009 election both pass, the proposition receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

EXHIBIT B CRAWFORD COUNTY BOND PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the County of Crawford, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing a new facility to house a Senior Center and offices of the Crawford County Commission on Aging and improving the site thereof, to be located on the east side of the East Branch of the AuSable River at the property located at 4895 West North Down River Road in the City of Grayling, Michigan? The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 20 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is .27 mills (which is equal to \$0.27 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the County); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is .26 mills.

If this proposition and Bond Proposition No. 1 presented to the electors of the County at this August 4, 2009 election both pass, the proposition receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polls for said election will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and that the voting places are as follows:

POLLING PLACE	PRECINCTS	CLERK
Beaver Creek Twp. 8888 S. Grayling Rd. 989-275-8878 Grayling, MI 49738	101	Sharon Hartman
Frederic Twp. 7565 W. County Rd. 612 989-348-8778 Frederic, MI 49733	201	Nancy Bindschatel
Grayling Twp. 2090 Viking Way 989-348-4361 P.O. Box 521 Grayling, MI 49738	302-304-305-306-307	Monica Ashton
Lovells Twp. 8405 Twin Bridge Rd. 989-348-9215 Grayling, MI 49738	401	Cynthia Infante
Maple Forest Twp. 8996 N. Sherman Rd. 989-348-5794 Grayling, MI 49738	501	Sandra Baynham
South Branch Twp 5245 M-18 989-275-8232 P.O. Box 606 Roscommon, MI 48653	601	Lynn George
Grayling City Hall 1020 City Blvd. 989-348-2131 P.O. Box 549 Grayling, MI 49738	701	Michele Moshier

Sandra Moore, County Clerk,
County of Crawford

Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



July 31, 1963 - Some of the greatest paddlers in the world were inducted into the International Canoe Racing Hall of Fame in Grayling. George Blaha, who was the master of ceremonies, stands with (from left to right) Jeff Fowler, Stuart Fowler, Ted Engle, Jay Stephan, Ralph Sawyer and Don Feldhauser.

23 Years Ago July 31, 1986

It was a year of records for the 39th Annual AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Butch Stockton, of Higgins Lake and Brett Stockton, of Grayling, won the marathon for their fourth time together. It was a record fifth straight win for Butch, age 37. For Brett, age 23, the win keeps him ahead of the pace to break the all-time career marathon points record held by Ralph Sawyer. In addition to the Stockton's performance, the team of Lynne Witte and Nancy Shelhorse broke the women's professional record time by 25 minutes. In the amateur divi-

sion, Robert and Mike Bradford broke the amateur record by a minute and nine seconds. This was also the first year that five canoes in the professional division finished the race in under 15 hours.

A private helicopter flew into a major Consumers Power transmission line near Fletcher Road and I-75, knocking power out in Grayling, Camp Grayling, Weyerhaeuser and a total of six substations in the area.

Bert Kaiser won the men's singles and the men's doubles with his brother, Tom Kaiser and Sue Rifkin. Dr. and Mrs. Shin of Grayling, won the mixed open doubles

division by three matches. They defeated Tom and Joni Kaiser, 7-5, 6-2, Jim Madill and Lori Smith of Frederic, 6-3, 6-1, and Tom and Gayle Mills of Grayling, 6-0, 6-3, in the finals.

46 Years Ago August 1, 1963

The Frederic Homecoming was an unqualified success, drawing close to four thousand people over the weekend. Miss Mary Bea Lodge was revealed as the new Miss Frederic at the Fireman's Ball. She received the crown from last year's queen Margaret Madill.

A new home for the Emil Kraus family has been started at the corner of Peninsular and Ogema street, the work is being done by J.P. Malley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Hatfield have purchased the Middie LaMotte house on State Street.

69 Years Ago August 1, 1940

Five boys left Grayling early Monday morning for a boat trip down the AuSable that will take them as far as Oscoda. Making the trip are Donald Borchers, Ted and Ray Stephan and Douglas and Frederick Bloetcher of Detroit.

They will be gone a week.

Today Alfred Hanson is celebrating the 15th anniversary of his entry into business in Grayling.

92 Years Ago August 2, 1917

Gerald Powell has given up show business and is now with the Detroit Evening News. He will be married on Sept. 2 and will come to Grayling for his honeymoon and stay at the Powell cabin at Portage Lake.

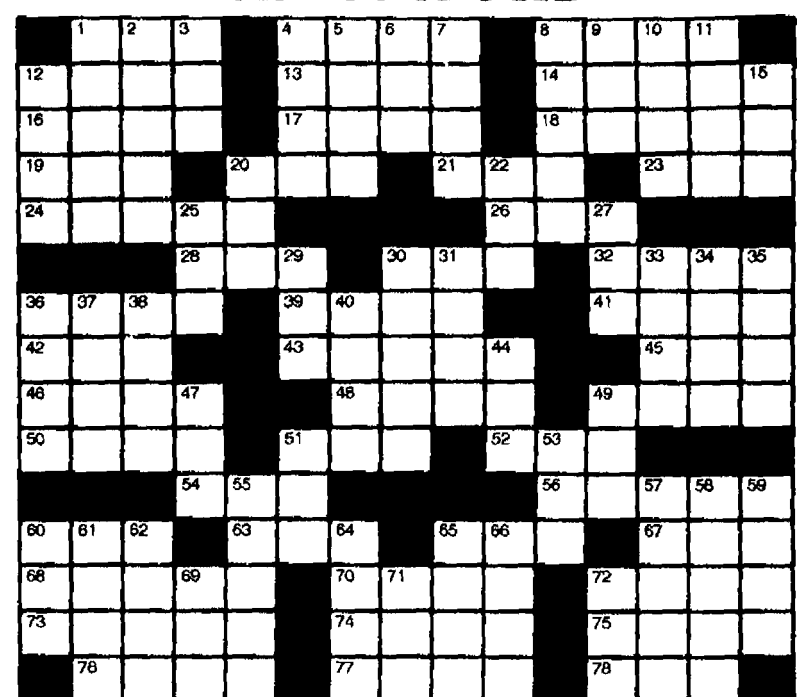
Richard Lovely is the new clerk at the Simpson Grocery.

The William McCullough blacksmith shop on Cedar Street has changed hands. John Schram and Tony Nelson are the new proprietors. Mr. Schram has worked at blacksmithing for 21 years.

Frank Tetu is driving a new Ford auto.

One of the workmen at the DuPont plant found a switch open on the main track of the Michigan Central near that plant early Sunday. It was corrected in just enough time to allow a troop train from the south to pass. It is believed that the switch had been opened hoping to wreck the troop train which was bound for the copper country.

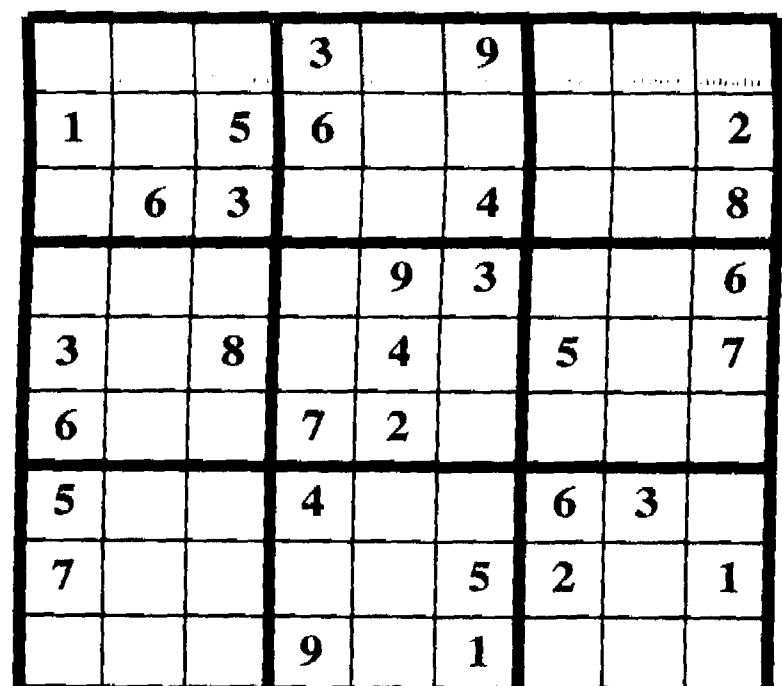
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| 4. Multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicle | 2. High up |
| 8. Castle part | 3. Appetite |
| 12. Wimpy | 4. Breakfast, lunch or dinner |
| 13. Handbag | 5. "___ be a cold day in hell ..." |
| 14. Atlas enlargement | 6. Morgue, for one |
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| 17. On the safe side, at sea | 8. Bolshoi rival |
| 18. Copy | 9. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir. |
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| 20. "Is that ___?" | 11. Daughter of Ma'uike |
| 21. First name? | 12. "Guilty," e.g. |
| 23. "Are we there ___?" | 15. Crib sheet user |
| 24. Essential oil obtained from flowers | 20. "If the ___ is concealed, it succeeds": Ovid |
| 26. Egg cells | 22. Today, in Tijuana |
| 28. "___ De-Lovely" | 25. Balloon filler |
| 30. Bug out | 27. Beast of burden |
| 32. The Beatles' "___ Leaving Home" | 29. Costa del ___ |
| 36. Blacken | 30. Kind of insurance |
| 39. The "O" in S.R.O. | 31. Boston suburb |
| 41. Thailand, once | 33. LP player |
| 42. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ___" | 34. Make, as money |
| 43. Freetown currency unit | 35. E.P.A. concern |
| 45. Away | 36. Coagulate |
| 46. Farm call | 37. "Aquarius" musical |
| 48. A long, long time | 38. Bad marks |
| 49. Engine knock | 40. Call for |
| 50. Certain surgeon's "patient" | 44. Cousin of -trix |
| 51. "That's ___" | 47. E or G, e.g. |
| 52. "___ Cried" (1962 hit) | 49. Dash |
| 54. Churchyard tree in "Romeo and Juliet" | 51. Hooper |
| 56. Codeine source | 53. Cold chopper |
| 60. Decide to leave, with "out" | 55. Black billiard ball |
| 63. Breed | 57. Do-nothing |
| 65. Barely get, with "out" | 58. Accord |
| 67. ___ lab | 59. They may provide relief |
| 68. Beside | 60. ___ grass |
| 70. Dash | 61. Slog |
| 72. Radar image | 62. Botted |
| 73. Ark contents | 64. Astute |
| 74. "___ on Down the Road" | 65. "___ of Eden" |
| 75. "All ___ are off" | 66. "Trick" joint |
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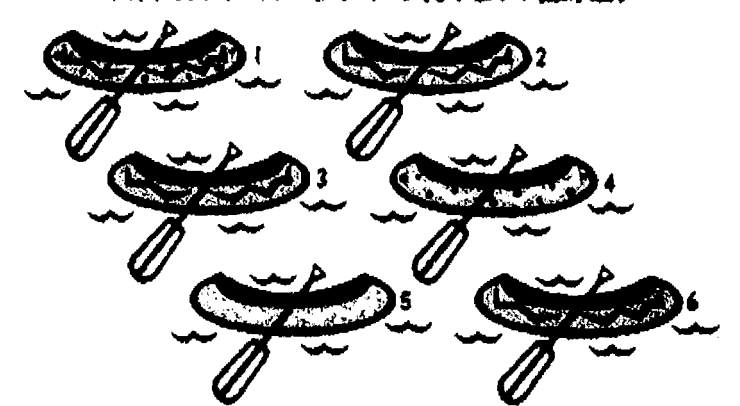


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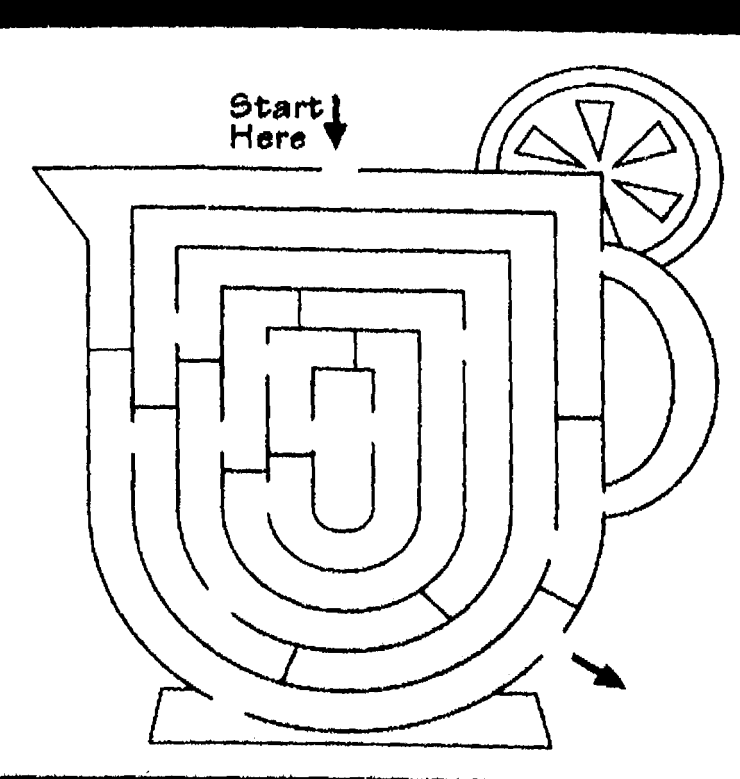


FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?















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HOROSCOPES

For the week of July 30, 2009

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CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19
This week is all about counting your blessings, Capricorn. You have so much to be thankful for. Romance turns a bit costly, scale back. That special someone will not care. | 
ARIES
March 21 - April 19
Try not to get swept in the hype this week, Aries. Stick to what you know, and you will be rewarded. A major change at home puts everyone on cloud nine. | 
CANCER
June 22 - July 22
Nothing in life is free, Cancer. Stop looking for the easy way out and start learning the value of hard work. A tryst at work gets the gossip mill brewing. | 
LIBRA
September 23 - October 22
You know the odds are stacked against you, Libra, but you go forth with an idea anyway and win. Bravol! A money matter could use more research. |
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AQUARIUS
January 20 - February 18
A friend is feeling blue and could use a pick-me-up. Be there for them, Aquarius. Wanderlust stirs, and places afar begin to call. Call your travel agent and get busy packing. | 
TAURUS
April 20 - May 20
Stop, Taurus. You've financed someone else's dream for long enough. Cut your losses and get out. A new face provides a change of pace at work. | 
LEO
July 23 - August 22
Yikes, Leo. You depend on a family member one too many times, and they bail on you. Pick up the pieces, learn your lesson and move on. A memo puts on the pressure. | 
SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21
A family member tests your resolve. Don't give in, Scorpio. You are better than that. A face-to-face confrontation goes much better than expected. |
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PISCES
February 19 - March 20
You don't like to lie, but you may have no choice, Pisces. The truth could crush a dear friend's spirit. A trip down memory lane sparks an idea. | 
GEMINI
May 21 - June 21
Misery loves company, Gemini. In the hype this week, Aries. Stick to what you know, and you will be rewarded. A major change at home puts everyone on cloud nine. | 
VIRGO
August 23 - September 22
Have faith in yourself, and there is nothing you cannot do, Virgo. Go for the brass ring, and it will be yours. A flippant attitude of a young friend is no reason to be disgruntled. | 
SAGITTARIUS
November 22 - December 21
This week is all about taking risks, Sagittarius. You cannot play it safe forever, or life will pass you by. A rumor begins circling. Take it with a grain of salt. |

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.



Prince

Prince is a very handsome pit bull mix. He loves children, going for walks, and is addicted to toys! He would do best as an only dog as he likes to play with other dogs but is just not cut out to live with and leave alone with them. Prince is very affectionate, intelligent, and sweet. He just needs a good home.

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AuSable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,

10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.ascc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



GRILLED BRUSCHETTA CHICKEN

- Ingredients:**
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| 4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves | 1/2 cup shredded low moisture part-skim Mozzarella cheese |
| 1/4 cup sun-dried tomato dressing, divided | 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil or 1 tsp. dried basil leaves |
| 1 tomato, finely chopped | |

Directions: Place large sheet of heavy-duty foil over half of grill grate; heat grill to medium heat. Meanwhile, place chicken in resealable plastic bag. Add 2 Tbsp. dressing; seal bag. Turn bag over several times to evenly coat chicken with dressing. Refrigerate 10 min. Remove chicken from bag; discard bag and dressing. Grill chicken on uncovered side of grill 6 min. Meanwhile, combine remaining dressing, tomatoes, cheese and basil. Turn chicken over; place, cooked-side up, on foil on grill. Top with tomato mixture. Close lid. Grill 8 min. or until chicken is done (165°F).

Prep Time: 5 min. Cook Time: 20 min

Serves 4 as an appetizer

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Rain	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
7/21	79	49							
7/22	83	51							
7/23	64	58	.92	High 71	High 72	High 75	High 75	High 74	High 72
7/24	72	56	.01	Low 53	Low 52	Low 55	Low 53	Low 51	Low 51
7/25	80	57	.03	Isolated T-Storms	Isolated T-Storms	Isolated T-Storms	Isolated T-Storms	Few Showers	Few Showers
7/26	75	56	.37						
7/27	70	58	.53						

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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM home for sale. Price reduced in July. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

LAND CONTRACT AVAILABLE on this river front home located on the East Branch of the AuSable River. Take a look at this 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located in a peaceful setting surrounded by woods and wildlife, located one mile from Grayling. Call 989-348-2083 for an appointment. (7/23/09tf/1)

HOUSE AND 10 ACRES selling by owner \$110,000. Three bedroom, 2 car garage 30x52 pole barn. Landscape garden pond, snowmobile trail with in 500 ft. Fox Run golf course at end of road, road is county maintained. 6663 Beaver Road 989-390-4767. (-23-30/1)

VERY NICE LOT has an Airstream trailer on site and a nice 10x12 shed, 2" well and power on property. Close to snowmobile trails and state land. Walk to the river. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481 #262884. (-30/1)

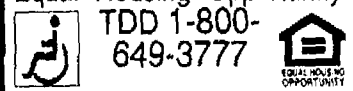
2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, rustic cottage overlooks Pagel Lake. Gas and wood stove heat, generator electricity. Sit in the living room of this cozy cottage and watch wildlife gather. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481 #260090. (-30/1)

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT \$500 monthly plus gas, nonsmoking, no pets. 348-4840. (-30-6/2)

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777



1. Real Estate

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Call **Pete Kocenas**
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989-344-1800
Grayling

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RE/MAX
Grayling
5728 M-72 West
(989) 348-7440

2. For Rent

NEWER 3 BEDROOM 2 bath home with fireplace & 2 car detached garage. \$700 per month, with one month security, propane budget \$100 per month. No pets. beaver Creek Twp. near 4 Mile Rd. exit. 989-915-9563. (-30-6/2)

LARGE 3 BEDROOM HOUSE, available Aug. 8. 1 1/2 bath, full basement, two car attached heated garage, NG heat, A/C, large corner lot. \$600 month plus security. No smoking, no pets. Call after 5pm 989-329-3618. (-30/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

3 BEDROOM 1 bath, located between Grayling and Frederic, 5256 Old 27. Available \$695 per month. Call 348-4252. (-16-23-30/2)

Offered in Grayling by Gardner Management Recently Renovated!

Cobble Creek II Apartments

Each unit has:
*Air conditioning
*New appliances
*New carpet
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1 and 2 Bedroom Apartments Available!
*Barrier-Free Units
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Now Accepting Applications!

989-362-4971
TDD 1-800-760-1997
Income restrictions apply



2. For Rent

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

2 BEDROOM MOBILE with washer, dryer and appliances. No pets. \$450 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-9-16-23-30/2)

FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath on three acres, \$650 plus deposit. 810-225-0395. (-30-6/2)

2 BEDROOM 2 bath home in Grayling, now available. Full basement, attached garage and fenced yard. \$800 plus deposit. Call 605-786-3642. References required and pets OK with deposit. (-16-23-30/2)

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT in town within walking distance. Newly renovated, clean and neat throughout. 989-732-3828. (-3-6/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT Small two bedroom home in Gerrish Township, 12 miles south of Grayling. No pets. \$475 per month plus \$475 deposit. 989-370-0519. (-30/2)

2 BEDROOMS, 1 BATH house. Updated kitchen, two enclosed porches, good storage. \$650 includes water and heat. 760-567-5536. (-30-6/2)

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS
Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM 1 BATH home in paved subdivision 3 miles from Higgins Lake State Park. 2 car garage. All appliances. Pets negotiable. No smoking. References, will check credit. \$600 mo/\$600 deposit. Rent/buy options. 989-821-3139. (-16-23-30-6-13-20-27-3/2)

BIG HOUSE AND CABINS at Lost Acres 4 bedroom log home \$575, plus utilities. Cabins from \$375, w/ FREE utilities. 11010 N. Old 27, No pets. 1-877-227-6976 or call Mike at 231-590-3699. More details at www.qualityhomerentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (7/23/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 1, 2 & 3 bedroom rentals. Call 348-2466. (7/23/09tf/2)

1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH apartment. New carpet, light and airy. \$550 includes water and heat. 760-567-5536. (-30-6/2)

FOR RENT GRAYLING AREA 4 bedroom, 1 bath. Pets welcome. \$625/month, \$1,250 to move in. 989-786-4716. (-30/2)

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM apartment. New carpet, tile and paint. Includes heat and electric, cable, snowplowing and garbage pickup. No pets. Located in Frederic. \$600 a month, \$400 security deposit, 348-2137. (-30/2)

3. Employment

SALES TRAINEES NEEDED to sell USDA meats. Experience preferred, but will train motivated people. Vehicle provided. Call Lisa 390-0902. (-30-6/3)

HOMETOWN HEATING & COOLING is looking for a service technician for heating and cooling services with 2 years experience. Call 348-4252. (-16-23-30/3)

GAYLORD FORD LINCOLN MERCURY is looking for diesel/medium truck technician. To apply please call Patti Schneider at 989 732-6737. (-23-30/3)

Kirtland
Community College
10775 N. St. Haven Road
Roscommon, MI 48653
CUSTODIAN:
Kirtland Community College is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time custodian (approximately 20 hours per week) to perform routine building custodial tasks at the central campus in Roscommon, MI. For a complete position description and application information, visit our web site at www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs/picustodian.htm. Application deadline is August 7, 2009. Equal opportunity employer.

CHARGE NURSE POSITION OPEN Part time, 12 hour shift, nights. LPN or RN welcome to apply. Contact Grayling Nursing and Rehab, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling. (-30/3)

4. Services Offered

NEED AN ATTORNEY?
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\$750 down and E-Z payments.
ALWAYS FREE BANKRUPTCY CONSULTATION
Call **Nye & Associates**
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1. Real Estate

3. Employment

HIGH PAYING CAREERS for women/men in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. Call toll free for information 10888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-11-18-25-2-9-16-23-30/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Posting Date: July 17, 2009. Position: High School Fall Play Director. Description: Play Director will oversee all phases of the production. Additional information is available at 1135 North Old 27. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. deadline: July 31, 2009 - 12:00 noon. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-23-30/3)

NURSING ASSISTANTS we are looking for mature, dedicated individuals who have a passion for what they do. Must possess State of Michigan Certification, pass a Drug Screen and Criminal Background check. Full and Part time positions. Apply in person today at Grayling Nursing and Rehab, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling. (-30-6/3)

MIO ACE HARDWARE is looking for a Retail Hardware Clerk. Full time, 40 hours per week, 2 positions available in Mio. Job description - Applicant must have hardware knowledge, sales experience, outstanding customer service skills, money handling skills, knowledge of office equipment, cash register, accounting software. Applicant must be able to multitask, create displays, make recommendations as well as select and help locate merchandise. Training for specialized services will be offered. This position does offer advancement to the right person. Applicant must be able to climb, lift, bend, twist, push and pull on a regular basis. Job requirements -This job requires a high school diploma and 3 years of experience. Send resume to PO Box 970, Mio, MI 48647. (-30-6/3)

SUMMER CREWS NEEDED Our growing company needs men and women to work on 4-7 person crews as customer service reps. Vehicles provided. Starting pay \$400/week plus bonuses. Call for appointment 989 732-2175. (-30/3)

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GERTA'S DRAPERIES "Everything in Window Treatments." Free estimates and in-home appointments. Established in 1958. Call 989-732-3340 or visit our showroom at 2281 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord. (3/26/09tf/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

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6 Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

STAND BEHIND THE SENIORS Proposition #1- After the big build up on the fish hatchery, I took the tour. I was shocked along with others to see how small and narrow it was. Read the last 4 lines very carefully on this proposition. Vote no. Proposition #2 - The site chosen will not be located where it is badly needed for shopping and servicing those who depend on COA services. It's too secluded and costly. Vote no. City of Grayling, we ask you to work with COA chairman Mahank in locating the new center near the present COA site. With no industry, the seniors have supported this town. Now please show them you appreciate their loyalty. Commissioners, vote in a new resolution to direct that 1 1/2 million bond money to be used in building a new senior center. It can be done. Don't waste it on the fish hatchery. It's the people's money. Regardless of location, there must be a millage to maintain and care for the center. You can vote on both propositions. Vote them down. Your parents, grandparents and seniors will thank you. (-30/8)

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8. Announcements

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GHS CLASS OF '79 celebrating 30th class reunion Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Grayling Country Club. Golf scramble at 10 a.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Icebreaker at Spike's Friday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. RSVP to Sue (Ross) Rioux at 916-865-6463/srioux@aol.com. (-16-23-30-6/8)

MY NAME IS Robbie Tackett. I was arrested on April 5, 2009 for OWI. I am writing to apologize to my community and to the children of our community for failing to be a positive role model. I just want to let people know it will not happen again. I have been taking this experience into consideration and do realize. I did risk the harm of other lives and have the utmost regrets for doing so. No one was physically harmed, but I am emotionally aware of my actions. That is harmful enough. I am saying this from the depth of my heart. Please don't drink and drive. (-30/8)

DONATIONS of clean, saleable items are needed for AuSable Valley Animal Shelter's Big Garage Sale. No clothing, large furniture or appliances. Collection days: ONLY Saturday and Sunday, August 8-9 from 10 am to 4 pm in Red Barn #1 at the old fairgrounds. Donations will not be accepted at the shelter due to lack of storage space. Any questions, call Cheryl at 348-1429. (-30-6/8)

8. Announcements

9. Personals

CONGRATULATIONS CANOE #21 Isaac VanNuck and Alex Donaldson. Great job in the 2009 canoe marathon. We are all proud of you. (-30/9)

TEAM #47 Jeff Defeo and Cheryl Stephan Lowes would like to thank all our sponsors, feeders and fans for all the great help during the canoe race. I also want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all they did for me when I became sick. Family, friends, other racers, EMT's and Mercy Hospital for all the care. Thank you and hugs, Cheryl Stephan Lowes. (-30/9)

TEAM #22 would like to thank you for your help and support during marathon. Arctic Glacier, AuSable Chiropractic Clinic, PLLC, Westside Diner, Basic Communications, Harley Crew, Marty's Firewood, Northern Steak Company, Jed Blaauw Builders, Kathy's Cleaning, Rivertown Party Store, SMK Beautification, DJ 5-0 and 1071st Maintenance Company. (-30/9)

CONGRATULATIONS Jorden Wakeley and Ryan Harris on your 28th place finish in the marathon. You did awesome! We are very proud of you Jorden. Dad, Mom, Court, Kyle and the rest of the family. (-30/9)

8. Announcements

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9 Personals

WE WOULD LIKE TO congratulate Nick Walton and Josh Sheldon on coming in 6th place in the canoe marathon race and thank you to all the feeders. Great job. Love you, Dave and Marcia. (-30/9)

CONGRATULATIONS to Rusty Argue and Matt Hellebuyck for finishing the 2009 canoe marathon race. Also thank you to all the feeders who did a great job! From all your fans. (-30/9)

10 Garage Sales

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10 Garage Sales

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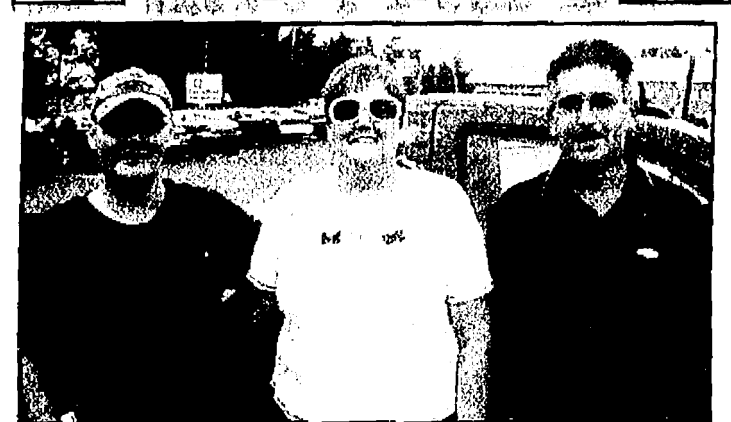
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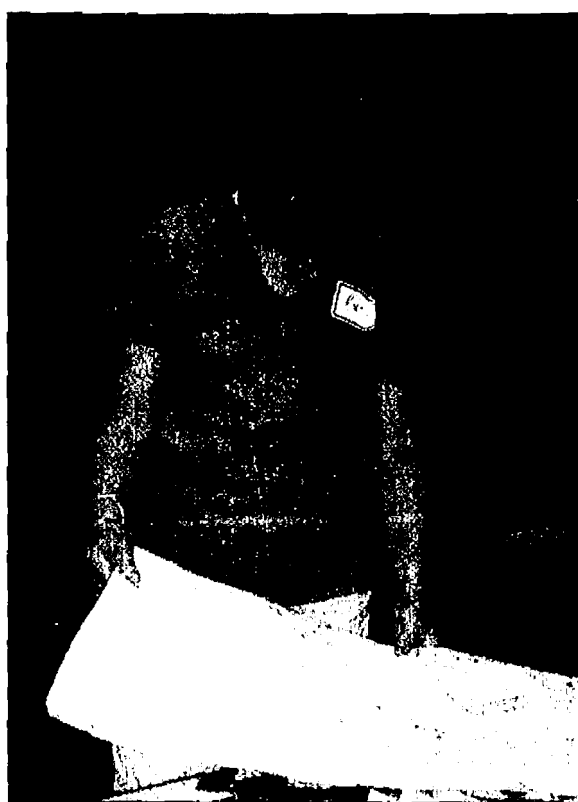
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9 Personals

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Quilters show off creations



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The Icehouse Quilt Shop held a quilt show and sale in conjunction with the AuSable River Festival. Above left, Ruth Hoppe of Troy, who has a cabin on Blue Lake, checks out a quilt. Above right, Lauren Borowicz, whose family has a cabin located near Rose City, stands next to the quilt she voted for in the quilt show competition.

A cool treat

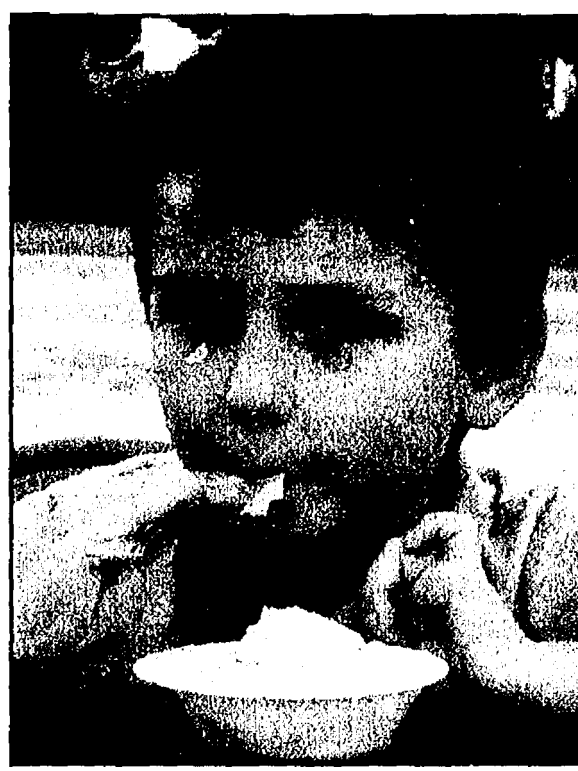


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The Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church held its annual ice cream social during the AuSable River Festival on Saturday, Above, George Mowery, age 5, of Grayling, enjoys a bowl of ice cream.

Hot rod earns
top trophy

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Dozens of classic cars, hot rods and motorcycles were on display in downtown Grayling on Saturday for the AuSable River Festival's Classic Car Show. Above, a 1966 Chevrolet pick-up owned by Ron and Joanne Couch of Roscommon won the first place trophy and prize money in the car show.

Library News

Story Hour at the Library is held every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m.

This is an interactive program for children (ages 0 to preschool) and their parents, filled with stories, crafts and a snack.

The Grand Prize Drawing for teens will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 3 pm. Express Yourself @ Your Library and find out who the big winners are from our teen summer reading program. For more information, call Connie Meyer at 989 348-9214.

The Sit n' Knit Club will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. Share quality time with other needle heads and hear a few good yarns at the library. For more information, contact Jane at 989 348-9214.

Don't miss the "Annual Art Show" held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Aug. 6, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Enjoy music, refreshments and meet local talent whose arts and crafts will be showcased throughout the library.

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You taught us the value of laughter.....we each embrace humor
You taught us the value of sharing.....we each strive to help others
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We carry you in our hearts forever.

Your Loving Children,
Carole, Judy, and Pierre